Postdoctoral Researcher Position in Insect Disturbance Ecology
University of Georgia

The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia, Athens, invites applications from highly motivated and enthusiastic potential postdoctoral researchers starting in Fall 2020. This collaborative work will be conducted with Dr. Kamal J.K. Gandhi (Warnell School), Dr. JT Vogt (USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station), and Dr. Kier Klepzig (Jones Center at Ichauway). The postdoctoral project will focus on the multi-faceted responses of forest insect (primarily bark and woodboring beetle) populations and communities to Hurricane Michael and post-hurricane management activities. Extensive fieldwork in the southeastern region, and lab work may be required. The ideal candidate will possess a strong background in entomology, ecology, and statistics with an independent spirit to develop, conduct, and publish research. A Ph.D. in a related field, especially in forest ecology and entomology is a prerequisite for the position. A competitive salary and benefits package will be provided for two years.

The Forest Entomology Laboratory (https://kjgandhi.wixsite.com/gandhi-lab) at the University of Georgia is a dynamic group that works on a broad range of ecological issues, forest insect species, and ecosystems across the country. The USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station’s Insects, Diseases, and Invasive Plants Research Work Unit (https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/idip/) works to provide the basic biological and ecological knowledge and innovative management strategies required for management and control of native and non-native insect pests, disease pathogens and invasive plants in changing forest ecosystems. Spanning nearly 30,000 acres of longleaf pine and wetlands, the Jones Center at Ichauway understands, demonstrates, and promotes effective management of natural resources through research, conservation, and education (http://www.jonesctr.org). Interested personnel should submit a statement of interest, current CV along with contact information for three references to Dr. Gandhi (kjgandhi@uga.edu; 706-247-4025). Also, contact Dr. Gandhi for further details about the insect disturbance project.

The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources (http://www.warnell.uga.edu/) is the oldest forestry school in the South, has >70 faculty working in diverse fields, and provides exemplary training of students in the fields of forestry, ecology, and conservation biology. The School is housed in a four-building complex on campus, and has >23,000 acres in the state for research, teaching, and service activities. The University of Georgia (http://www.uga.edu/) is a “land-grant and sea-grant university, and is also the state's oldest, most comprehensive and most diversified institution of higher education”. Its motto is: "to teach, to serve and to inquire into the nature of things". The University of Georgia is an affirmative action and equal opportunity employer.