



**Position Announcement**  
**Position No. 0008629**  
**Undergraduate Student Research Project Coordinator**

Oregon State University's Department of Wood Science & Engineering (WSE) is seeking an individual to coordinate and mentor undergraduate student workers to conduct research projects. The position will assist in the operation of the Oregon Wood Innovation Center (OWIC), a state-wide initiative focused on providing technical assistance to Oregon's forest industry. This is a full-time 12-month position as Faculty Research Assistant (FRA). The working title for this position is Undergraduate Student Research Project Coordinator.

**Position Description:** The appointment will be 75% research (project oriented) and 25% communication/OWIC support. Research will involve working on projects designed in consultation with industry personnel and WSE faculty and may include testing new products, solving issues with product performance, conducting market research, etc., as well as recruiting and overseeing undergraduate students working on the projects. The communications portion of the position will involve documenting project results via websites and written reports as well as in general support activities for OWIC such as maintaining a web-based forest industry directory and the OWIC website. The FRA will be located on the Corvallis campus and he/she will be expected to work closely with both faculty and students to provide coordinated and effective technical assistance to Oregon's wood products industry.

The FRA will design, develop, maintain, and/or carry out research projects to ensure that all people have equal employment opportunities and equal program participation opportunities regardless of their race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, disability, and disabled veteran or Vietnam-era veteran status.

Salary is competitive and will be commensurate with the experience of the applicant. Benefits package includes several options for health/dental/life insurance, retirement, as well as a new program of reduced tuition for dependants (some restrictions apply).

**Qualifications:**

Required Qualifications:

1. B.S. in renewable materials, wood science, forest products, or a closely allied field.
2. Ability to design and conduct wood products testing projects.
3. Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
4. Skills in computing and use of information technology for educational purposes.
5. Affinity and desire to supervise and mentor undergraduate student researchers.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. M.S. in wood science, forest products, or a closely allied field.
2. Relevant industrial work experience or experience working with industrial clientele.
3. Experience using standard mechanical and physical testing devices.
4. Ability to work independently and creatively meet research needs.
5. Experience with business start-ups, biomass/ biofuels, or new product development.
6. A demonstrable commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity.
7. Strong organization skills and abilities in managing complex schedules.

**To Apply:** For full consideration apply by April 1, 2012 via the OSU online system at <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs/>, posting number 0008629. Questions about the position may be directed to:

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