Announcing an opening for a Postdoctoral Scholar at the College of Forestry, Oregon State University for January 2021

The FoLIAGE research group (Forests, Livelihoods, Institutions and Governance) at Oregon State University’s College of Forestry seeks a postdoctoral scholar for the project “Growing Forestry Capacity in Peru”. The postdoc will be involved in two of the project’s main goals: supporting the training of 12 Peruvian graduate students as they undertake an online Masters of Natural Resources at OSU; and developing research and collaborations related to forest governance in the Peruvian Amazon. The postdoc will work closely with Dr. Reem Hajjar (http://foliage.forestry.oregonstate.edu/research) and others at OSU, as well as with collaborators at US Forest Service International Programs and academic and non-academic partners based in Peru.

This unique postdoctoral position is ideal for someone who has genuine interests in both research and teaching/mentoring, and someone who is excited to play a significant role in building forestry research and teaching capacity in Peru. This is a full-time, two-year position, pending performance in the first year. The first year will largely entail supporting 12 Peruvian Masters students as they complete their online courses and their capstone projects. The postdoc will play a principal role in mentoring the students, ensuring they are progressing in the program, holding discussion groups to discuss course materials and ideas for their applicability in Peru, and supporting students as they develop their capstone project. Given current travel restrictions, much of this work and communication with the students, who will participate in the program from Peru, will be done online. Also in Year 1, the postdoc will begin to develop research collaborations and implement a research project related to mapping local forest use patterns in the Peruvian Amazon. The research will seek to understand: (i) how communities and families engage with forests and trees in both the formal and informal realms of forest management for timber and NTFP production, and (ii) how different management models interact with local and regional institutions to impact forest resources. This research may entail field data collection (travel permitting), interdisciplinary collaboration, and gathering and analyzing of existing datasets (forest cover change, socio-economic datasets, etc). The research project will continue into year 2 of the position. A key component of the postdoc’s role in the research project will be to build research capacity and collaborations in Peru with academic and non-academic partners, involving students in data collection and analysis, and involving key stakeholders in developing and disseminating the research.

The College of Forestry at Oregon State University is the top-ranked forestry research school in North America and broadly recognized as a world leader in all aspects of sustainable forest management, informing resource decision-making and educating students for the future. The
FoLIAGe research group ([http://foliage.forestry.oregonstate.edu](http://foliage.forestry.oregonstate.edu)) in the College of Forestry, under the guidance of PI Hajjar, undertakes research on community and collaborative forestry, forest and landscape governance mechanisms, and forests and livelihoods, in the U.S. and globally. We have partnered with the USFS’ Forest Oversight and Resource Strengthening (FOREST) Program in Peru to build research and teaching capacity in Peru, with a particular focus on training students and future faculty at Universidad Nacional de la Amazonia Peruana (UNAP) and Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina (UNALM). The postdoc will play a principal role in growing forestry research and teaching capacity in Peru.

We encourage applicants from all backgrounds to apply, particularly Peruvian nationals and nationals of other Latin American countries, and other applicants who are underrepresented in the field of natural resources management.

**Position duties**
- Supporting 12 Peruvian students enrolled in the online Masters of Natural Resources program. This will include mentoring and supporting the students in their coursework and as they develop their capstone projects. The postdoc will likely be part of the students’ academic committees (~45%).
- Developing and implementing forest governance-related research in Peru. This will include building and coordinating a network of academic and non-academic Peruvian collaborators, conducting fieldwork in the Peruvian Amazon, coordinating student researchers, data collection and analysis, and writing of journal articles and research grant proposals (~45%).
- Research and support in the FoLIAGe research group, including involvement in ongoing projects, additional research opportunities in Peru and elsewhere, mentoring US-based graduate students, and writing papers and grants (~10%).

**Minimum/required qualifications:**
- PhD in forestry, environmental sciences, natural resources, sociology, anthropology, or related field
- Fluency in Spanish and English

**Preferred qualifications:**
- Familiarity with Peru and experience working in the Peruvian Amazon or other tropical rural areas
- Experience mentoring university-level students and/or teaching experience at the university level (or experience as a teaching assistant)
- Experience with social science research methods, both qualitative and quantitative
- Experience working with large quantitative datasets and GIS applications
- Experience leading and implementing independent research
- Experience building novel research collaborations and working collaboratively with academic and non-academic partners
The postdoc can be based in Peru or in the US, with travel to the other country. Much of the work to support the Peruvian students will be conducted online and can be done in either location. Office space can be made available at OSU’s campus in Corvallis, and in Lima, but work schedules (location and hours) will need to be flexible given the online nature of the student support and time zone differences.

Fieldwork in the Peruvian Amazon is likely, including extended visits to rural areas and data collection in tropical forests. If the postdoc is based in the US, it is expected that they will still spend a significant amount of time in Peru (once travel opens up) for research, meetings, and collaborations.

For inquiries and expressions of interest please contact Dr. Hajjar at reem.hajjar@oregonstate.edu.

Once ready to apply, please send the following to the same email address:

- CV, including education, list of publications, grants, awards, and teaching experience
- Statement of interest, including how you meet the minimum and preferred qualifications, relevant experience related to the position, and how the position fits into your career goals.
- Contact information for two people who can act as references (reference letters not needed at the time of application)

The position is expected to begin January 2021. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.