UCD Forestry

University College Dublin, Ireland

Masters Scholarship

SIMWOOD Project – Sustainable Innovative Mobilisation of Wood

There is much unused wood potential in European forests. Most of this is 'locked' in forests that belong to an estimated 16 million private forest owners. The SIMWOOD project aims to increase the mobilisation of wood from forests in Europe in a collaborative and sustainable way. The project has received funding from the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme.

UCD Forestry, together with Forest Enterprises Limited (FEL), would like to recruit a Masters candidate to conduct research into the potential availability of timber and biomass from private forests in Ireland, based on an analysis of biophysical site and stand conditions, spatial landscape and infrastructural factors and industry demand characteristics.

Selection Criteria

Applications are sought from highly motivated individuals who have an excellent academic record (preferably a honours primary degree or equivalent) in forestry or land-use management.

The successful candidate should have strong GIS skills and should be capable of independent research as well as team work. Very good oral and written communication skills in English are mandatory. A clean European driver's licence is also required.

The study will commence as soon as possible. The student will be based with Forest Enterprises Limited (FEL) in Lucan, Co. Dublin for part of the study.

We offer

The Masters Scholarship will be €17,000 per annum for two years, and this will be paid as a tax-free stipend. The tuition fees will be paid directly from the project to UCD.

Application process

Applicants should submit, by email, a letter outlining why they are interested in the research topic, their suitability for the position, a full curriculum vitae (including the names, addresses and email addresses of two referees) to Professor Maarten Nieuwenhuis at UCD Forestry: maarten.nieuwenhuis@ucd.ie

Additional Information

Additional information about the SIMWOOD project can be found at: http://simwood.efi.int/ or by contacting Professor Maarten Nieuwenhuis at UCD Forestry: Phone 01 7167004; maarten.nieuwenhuis@ucd.ie

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