

**European Forest Institute
– EFI –**

is now seeking a

PhD Researcher

on 'Changing European Forest Products Markets and Trade in the face of Regional and Global Changes'

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation with 22 European member countries, and over 120 Associate Member institutions. EFI headquarters is located in Joensuu, Finland. EFI has several Regional Offices across Europe and FLEGT office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and is establishing an office in Brussels.

The Foundation for European Forest Research (FEFR) offers a PhD Researcher's post on the research topic 'Changing European forest products markets and trade in the face of regional and global changes'. The position is hosted by the European Forest Institute (EFI) Headquarters in Joensuu, Finland.

Research topic

The research entitled 'Changing European forest products markets and trade in the face of regional and global changes' is broken down into two main activity areas:

- the validation of trade data consistency for market analysis; and
- the impact of external factors (economic growth, energy prices, etc) and European policies (renewable energy and climate policies, EU FLEGT) on the markets and trade.

Regarding the external factors influencing markets and trade (economic factors like GDP, energy prices), the PhD researcher will focus on a limited number (one or two at the most). The main idea is that EU trade data are examined and taken directly into account when studying the changes in trade and markets due to new policies or general economic conditions.

The research work carried out should be part of a PhD thesis or form the whole PhD thesis. The applicant shall state beside the research plan how s/he plans to obtain the PhD degree and how the research relates to the degree. The Foundation and the EFI can assist the candidate to make contact to the University of Eastern Finland to explore the PhD opportunities there.

Criteria

The selection criteria for the post are the following:

- The relevance of the proposed research work
- The scientific quality and feasibility of the research plan
- The previous scientific merits of the candidate
- The quality of the overall plan made for the PhD degree

Duty station

The PhD Researcher will be based at EFI headquarters in Joensuu, Finland.

Employment conditions

The PhD Researcher will be an EFI staff member. The initial duration of employment will be one year at a time. Provided that the research work is progressing well, the contract can be extended annually for up to 4

successive years. EFI offers an inspiring, dynamic international and multicultural working environment and opportunities to learn new skills and a comprehensive health care package.

Interested candidates are requested to send a research plan and CV with two references by **15 April 2011**, using our **online** application form. If it is not possible for you to apply online please send your application to: Human Resources Office, EFI, email: emi.pesonen@efi.int

The research plan template is available at:

http://www.efi.int/files/attachments/human_resources/0911_fefr_phd_researcher_research_plan_template.pdf

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