



Graduate Research Assistant Position – Tropical Land Use Change in Brazil & Indonesia

The Gibbs Lab group at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has funding for a Graduate Research Assistant starting Fall 2012. The student will focus on mapping and understanding changing land use patterns and processes in response to global economic drivers such as bioenergy mandates and demand-side pressures from Greenpeace and other NGOs. The research will likely involve a combination of GIS and statistical modeling, along with stakeholder interviews in country. Specifically, the student will investigate the impact of demand-side policy levers such as Zero-Deforestation Agreements (e.g., Soy Moratorium) and Roundtables for Responsible Production (e.g., RSPO, RTRS, RSB) on tropical deforestation and agriculture as well as institutional changes along the value chain.

Candidates with expertise working in Brazil and Indonesia - especially those with strong Portuguese language skills - are encouraged to apply. Applicant must be accepted into the Department of Geography or the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies M.S. or Ph.D. graduate programs. Typically, graduate students in our research programs have undergraduate GPAs above 3.5, and GRE scores in the 80th percentile or higher. Benefits include stipend, tuition remission and eligibility to participate in the Graduate Student Health Insurance Program. This position is for one year and renewable upon satisfactory progress.

Madison is widely recognized for its warm community, high quality of life, vibrant culture and arts scene, and easy access to natural areas. Costs of living are moderate, and public transportation or bicycle paths are easy transportation options.

For more information:

Gibbs webpage: <http://www.sage.wisc.edu/people/gibbs/gibbs.html>

Nelson Institute: <http://www.nelson.wisc.edu/>

Department of Geography: <http://www.geography.wisc.edu/>

Candidates should submit a cover letter detailing qualifications and research interests, CV, and names of three references to Holly Gibbs hkgibbs@wisc.edu. Candidates should also submit an application to the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies (due Jan 15, 2012) and / or the Department of Geography (due Dec 15, 2011).