

**European Forest Institute  
– EFI –**

**is now seeking a  
Ph.D. Researcher**

**on “The Outlook for European Forest Products Markets and Trade”**

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation established by European States. EFI conducts research and provides policy advice on forest-related issues, and facilitates and stimulates forest research-related networking. EFI's headquarters is located in Joensuu, Finland. EFI has regional offices across Europe and also a FLEGT office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. (<http://www.efi.int>)

The Foundation for European Forest Research (FEFR) offers a Ph.D. Researcher's post on the following research topic at the European Forest Institute (EFI) in Joensuu, Finland.

**Research topic**

The research will be under the general topic 'The Outlook for European Forest Products Markets and Trade'. The markets for pulp and paper products, wood products (sawnwood, panels), as well as wood-based bioenergy are facing structural changes for a number of reasons, such as the globalization of markets, declining demand for communication paper products, growing interest in the use of wood products for construction, and renewable energy policies. How are these changes going to impact on the European forest products markets and trade flows in Europe, and what are the major regional differences of these impacts in Europe?

The Ph.D. research will be under the above general theme. A more focused research topic will be decided together with EFI, the researcher, and the university to which the Ph.D. thesis is submitted. Thus, the work can focus, for example, on any of the major forest products sector: pulp and paper; wood products; or wood bioenergy. The emphasis is on analysing and assessing the long-term changes in any of these markets, and their impacts on trade flows (products and wood raw material) in Europe.

The research work carried out should be part of a Ph.D. thesis, or form the whole Ph.D. thesis. The applicant shall state beside the research plan how s/he plans to obtain the Ph.D. degree, and how the research relates to the degree. The research position is particularly suitable for those planning a Ph.D. in forest economics, forest products marketing, forest policy, natural resource economics, or economics. The Foundation and EFI can help the candidate to make contact with the University of Eastern Finland to explore the Ph.D. opportunities there, if the candidate should wish.

**Criteria**

The selection criteria for the post include the following:

- A Masters degree (or equivalent)
- The previous educational and scientific merits of the candidate
- The relevance and quality of the overall plan made for the Ph.D. degree
- Knowledge of quantitative (statistical and/or mathematical programming) methods would be an advantage

### **Duty station**

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

### **Employment conditions**

The Ph.D. Researcher will be an EFI staff member, and work under the EFI research programme “Foresight and Information”. 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 by **November 11<sup>th</sup>, 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: [efi.hr@efi.int](mailto:efi.hr@efi.int)

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