

**Graduate Research Assistantship in Sustainable Development and  
Rural Sociology  
Department of Rural Sociology  
Division of Applied Social Sciences  
University of Missouri-Columbia**

A graduate research assistantship in sustainable development and rural sociology (at either M.S. or Ph.D. level) will be available beginning in Spring 2018 within the Department of Rural Sociology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The student will be working with Dr. Hua Qin and contribute to an NSF-funded project on the dynamic human dimensions of forest insect disturbance in north-central Colorado, as well as other related research in population (migration) and the environment, vulnerability and adaptation to environmental/climate change, and applied social science methods and data practices.

The Department of Rural Sociology at the University of Missouri employs the theoretical and methodological tools of rural sociology to address key societal challenges of the 21st century, from preserving our natural resources and providing safe and nutritious food for an expanding population, to adapting to climate changes and maintaining sustainable rural livelihoods. The department contributes to domestic and international wellbeing through the training of new professionals, collaborative and interdisciplinary research, and participation in applied projects focused on sustainable and community-based development. Please see <http://dass.missouri.edu/ruralsoc/about> for further information about the department.

All interested candidates with relevant environmental social science background will be considered. Preferred qualifications of applicants are: an excellent academic record, experience applying typical social science research methods (e.g., surveys, interviews, and focus groups) and statistical techniques, and strong communication skills (both oral and written). Applicants must complete their application to the Rural Sociology graduate program as part of their application for this position.

The successful applicant will receive an annual assistantship stipend (\$1,821 and \$2,003 per month at the master's and doctoral levels, respectively), a full tuition waiver, and paid health insurance. Prospective students should contact Dr. Qin ([qinh@missouri.edu](mailto:qinh@missouri.edu)) for more details. Please include a statement of research interests and a current resume with the inquiry.