

*Forest Business
Graduate Student Directory*



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CENTER FOR FOREST BUSINESS

The University of Georgia Harley Langdale, Jr. Center for Forest Business, founded in 1997, is pleased to present this annual Graduate Student Directory. As you will see, our graduate students come from diverse backgrounds with varied experience. We offer the Master of Forest Resources in Forest Business Management, Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees. Our students usually take about half of their course-work in the nationally ranked Terry College of Business.

Traditionally, about half of our students come to us with a non-forestry, and in many of those cases non-science, background. Our educational efforts focus on a strong grounding in advanced forestry and business management principles. Our students are well motivated and in high demand in the marketplace.

VISION

To be the global leader in providing research and education services for commercial forestry interests that integrates sustainable forestry principles with sound business applications.

MISSION

The three-part mission of the Center for Forest Business (CFB) is to provide global leadership in education, research and service to commercial forest constituents in the following areas:

- *Education:* To offer academic programs to meet the multi-disciplinary demands of the changing forestry related economy and continuing education.
- *Research:* To provide insight into the financial and economic impact of commercial forestry related decisions.
- *Service:* To meet the public need through basic outreach and education that solves the fundamental financial, economic and sustainability challenges.

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Area of Emphasis: Forest Business.

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