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**OUTREACH NOTICE**  
**Southern Research Station**  
**Center for Forest Watershed Research**  
**Research Fisheries Biologist**  
**GS-0482-12/13**  
**Response Due: 10/13/2023**

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**OPEN: 9/21/2023**

**CLOSE: 10/13/2023**

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:**

The Center for Forest Watershed Research will soon be advertising to fill a full-time permanent Research Fish Biologist position at the GS12 or GS13 level. The duty station is at the Aquatics and Fisheries Research Lab in Blacksburg, VA. Salary range for the GS-12 level is \$60,703 to \$107,680, and for the GS-13 level is \$98,496 to \$128,043.

**If you wish to be notified when the vacancy opens in USAJobs.com, please complete the form at the bottom of this Outreach Notice and email it along with your resume to:** Melissa Johnson at [melissa.johnson2@usda.gov](mailto:melissa.johnson2@usda.gov).

**MAJOR DUTIES:**

The scientist is the principal Research Fish Biologist in the Center for Forest Watershed Research, Research Work Unit (RWU-4353). The Center's mission is to evaluate, explain, and predict how water, soil, forest, and aquatic resources respond to ecosystem management practices, natural disturbances, and the atmospheric environment; and to identify practices that restore, protect, and enhance watershed health. The scientist is responsible for the Freshwater Fish research program and the Center for Aquatic Technology Transfer (CATT) in Blacksburg, VA.

The scientist develops and executes research that specifically addresses research questions relative to aquatic ecosystems and their management and the interface between aquatic and terrestrial systems with a focus on large spatial and temporal scales. The scientist works across the continuum of cold-water to warm-water ecosystems. The scope of research reflects that of the Center's mission and is addressed by several core Study Areas identified in the Center's charter: 1) recovery of fish populations from catastrophic disturbance; 2) the role of large wood in streams; 3) the interaction of habitat and climate change on stream biota; 4) distribution and habitat use by fishes throughout entire drainage basins and watersheds; 5) the relation of streamside vegetation and forest management to fish habitat productivity; and 6) methods for restoring fish habitat and fish productivity. The results of these studies provide resource managers with the information to more effectively manage streamside forests to protect water quality and to optimize or restore fish habitat productivity.

The incumbent has overall responsibility for the research and technology transfer programs at the Blacksburg lab, working with the Project Leader, Assistant Station Director, Station Director, Washington Office specialists, RWU scientists, and National Forest System biologists to develop research goals, strategies, and focal areas and assumes responsibility for specific pieces of the research puzzle. The scientist employs co-design approaches to engage stakeholders in designing studies for relevant personal research as well as CATT team projects. The Scientist advises other SRS scientists and cooperators on problems of high difficulty.

### **About the Location:**

The Southern Research Station Aquatics and Fisheries Research Lab is located on the campus of Virginia Tech in the town of Blacksburg, VA. As the commonwealth's most comprehensive university and its leading research institution, Virginia Tech offers 240 undergraduate and graduate degree programs to more than 31,000 students and has plans to grow those numbers steadily over the coming years. Nestled on a plateau between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny mountains, the Town of Blacksburg is part of Montgomery County in the heart of Southwest Virginia's New River Valley. Because of the town's award-winning services, reasonable cost of living, safety, moderate climate, and abundant leisure, Blacksburg is consistently ranked among the country's best places to live and has a nationwide reputation as a well-managed, stable, and forward-looking community. Blacksburg is located on the I-81 corridor approximately 45 minutes from Roanoke. Blacksburg is home to over 43,000 residents and is the 15th largest municipality in the State of Virginia.

Learn more about the Southern Research Station here: <http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/>

Learn more about Blacksburg here: <https://www.blacksburg.gov/community/community-profile>

### **HOW TO RESPOND:**

To express interest in this opportunity, please return completed Outreach Response form to Melissa Johnson at [melissa.johnson2@usda.gov](mailto:melissa.johnson2@usda.gov). Refer questions to Carl Trettin at 843-336-5602 or [carl.c.trettin@usda.gov](mailto:carl.c.trettin@usda.gov).

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## Outreach Response Form

USDA Forest Service - Southern Research Station

GS-0482-12/13, Research Fisheries Biologist  
Duty Location: Blacksburg, VA

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**Melissa Johnson** at [melissa.johnson2@usda.gov](mailto:melissa.johnson2@usda.gov)

**NAME:**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

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