The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia, Athens, invites applications from highly motivated and enthusiastic potential Ph.D. students starting in Spring/Summer 2021. This collaborative work will be conducted with Dr. Kamal J.K. Gandhi (Warnell School) and Dr. JT Vogt (USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station). As a part of the multi-disciplinary and multi-agency team on the Regional Assessment of Catastrophic Wind Damage (RACD) project, the Ph.D. research will focus on the interactions between hurricane-related forest disturbances and ground-dwelling arthropod taxa. Extensive fieldwork in the southeastern region, and lab work will be required. The ideal candidate will possess a strong background in entomology, ecology, and statistics with an independent spirit to develop, conduct, and publish research. A M.S. in a related field, especially in forest ecology and entomology is a prerequisite for the position. A competitive salary and benefits package will be provided for three years.

The Forest Entomology Laboratory (https://kjgandhi.wixsite.com/gandhi-lab) at the University of Georgia is a dynamic group that works on a broad range of ecological issues, forest insect species, and ecosystems across the country. The USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station’s Insects, Diseases, and Invasive Plants Research Work Unit (https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/idip/) works to provide the basic biological and ecological knowledge and innovative management strategies required for management and control of native and non-native insect pests, disease pathogens and invasive plants in changing forest ecosystems. Interested personnel should submit a statement of interest, current CV along with contact information for three references to Dr. Gandhi (kjgandhi@uga.edu; 706-247-4025).

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