Forest Biogeography Graduate Student Position at Western Washington University

A fully funded graduate student position will be available in the Environmental Studies MA program within Western Washington University's College of the Environment starting in fall 2027. The graduate student will be advised by Dr. Aquila Flower and will be affiliated with WWU's Spatial Institute. Thesis research will focus on forest biogeography in the Salish Sea region using a combination of field methods, geospatial analysis, remote sensing, and/or dendrochronology. Funding in the form of a tuition waiver and stipend is available through two academic years of Teaching Assistant positions assisting with GIS and/or physical geography classes. A part-time Research Assistant position during the student's first summer at WWU may also be available.

Qualifications:

- Eligibility for admission to the Environmental Studies MA graduate program.
- Ability to succeed as a Teaching Assistant in GIS and/or physical geography classes.
- Completion of introductory or higher classes in GIS and statistics prior to beginning the degree.
- Strong writing skills.
- Strong interest in understanding spatiotemporal forest ecosystem dynamics in western Washington State.
- Preferred qualifications include some combination of previous experience with forest ecology, ecological fieldwork, dendrochronology, advanced geospatial analysis techniques, and/or LiDAR data analysis and familiarity with the temperate forest ecosystems of Washington and British Columbia.

Interested candidates should reach out to aquila.flower@wwu.edu with a resume/CV and summary of their research interests and relevant experience.

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– Thomas Henry Huxley

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