Research Assistantship:
Artificial Intelligence as an Extension Tool

We are seeking a graduate student to contribute to the social science and process implementation aspect of a new project on the role of Artificial Intelligence in Extension and outreach. Up to two years of graduate student assistantship and project support are available toward the completion of an MS or PhD. Specifically, the successful candidate will apply relevant technology change frameworks to assess organizational readiness to support the appropriate use of AI in outreach activities in Wisconsin and the North Central region with an initial focus on agricultural and natural resource programs.

This is a 50% research assistantship, **beginning in Fall 2024**, that includes a stipend, tuition remission and health care, and other benefits. This two-year project is funded by the USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture. Year 2 funding is dependent on performance and continued federal funding.

Qualifications

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in a relevant field and excellent English writing and verbal communication skills. Experience with and/or interest in natural resources, social sciences, or higher education are desirable.

To Apply

To apply, please send as **one complete, compiled pdf fil**e the following: (1) cover letter, (2) cv/resume, and the (3) contact information for three professional references to Mark Rickenbach (mgrickenbach@wisc.edu). It is preferred that the degree will be completed through the Forestry graduate program.

Review of applicants will begin immediately, but the position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Applications received by March 15, 2024 are guaranteed full consideration.

For more information about the project, please contact Mark Rickenbach, Professor of Forest & Wildlife Ecology, project lead. Mark can be reached at mgrickenbach@wisc.edu.

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