

NDSU Department Of
Agribusiness And Applied Economics

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North Dakota State University, Research Assistant Professor in Agribusiness and Applied Economics - Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics

Position Title: Research Assistant/Research Associate/Post Doc

Department: Agribusiness & Applied Economics

Closing Date: March 31, 2009 or until filled

The Department is hiring a research assistant, research associate, or post doc to conduct research in the general area of renewable, biofuel, biomass and wind energy economics. The successful candidate will be expected to develop leadership within the research program by contributing feasibility analysis of potential projects, feedstock assessment and logistics, risk analysis of emerging policy, and financial evaluation of industry health . The candidate is expected to assist with publication of research results in leading disciplinary journals and secure extramural funding.

Minimum Qualifications:

- (1) an earned M.S. in agricultural economics, economics, or a closely related discipline;
- (2) a demonstrated ability to conduct research and disseminate results in leading academic journals;
- (3) strong training in quantitative methods, including financial and risk analysis; and
- (4) excellent writing and communication skills.

Preferred Qualifications:

- (1) an earned Ph.D in agricultural economics, economics, or a closely related discipline;
- (2) Familiarity with renewable energy, biofuel, biomass and wind economics
- (3) Demonstrated success in securing extramural funding and publication in research journals

SALARY AND RANK: The position offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Salary depends on qualifications.

POSITION AVAILABLE: April 1, 2009. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Screening of applicants will begin March 15, 2009 and continue until a suitable candidate is found.

To Apply: Candidates for this position should send a letter of application, including a statement of principle qualifications and interests, transcripts, and a resume with names and addresses of three references. Questions may be directed to Cole Gustafson, Chair of the Search Committee, Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics, NDSU – Dept 7610, P.O. Box 6050, North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota, 58108-6050. Electronic submission of application materials is required to: jobs.ndsu.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=50798

About the Department, the University, and the Region The Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics has developed strong regional support for the excellence of its teaching, research, and outreach programs. The Department is composed of 18 tenure-track faculty, 5 research professors, and 10 lecturers and research or Extension specialists. Research strengths are found in international trade, agribusiness, and agricultural economics. Faculty in the Department are actively involved in interdisciplinary research and teaching, especially in collaboration with the Great Plains Institute of Food Safety, the School of Natural Resource Sciences, and the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute. The Department currently offers three undergraduate majors (Economics, Agricultural Economics, and Agribusiness) and two M.S. degrees (Agribusiness and Applied Economics and International Agribusiness). The Department is currently developing a joint Ph.D. with the College of Business and currently contributes to several interdisciplinary Ph.D. programs at North Dakota State University. In summer 2009, the Department will be co-located with the College of Business in a newly renovated and expanded facility, Barry Hall, which is located on the downtown campus.

North Dakota State University is the Land Grant University for North Dakota. Recent improvements in research activities have elevated the University's research rankings and increased research budgets through greater success in attaining extramural funding. Extensive engagement with agribusiness firms, both domestic and international, are encouraged. Approximately 13,500 students attend NDSU with enrollment expected to grow to 16,000.

Fargo-Moorhead enjoys one of the strongest economies of the Upper Midwest. Growth is driven by financial services, technology and software firms, agricultural manufacturing and food processing, and retailing. Fargo-Moorhead is the largest metropolitan area between Minneapolis and Spokane, Washington. In the past few years, several magazines have proclaimed Fargo-Moorhead as one of the most stress-free metropolitan areas in America. "Quality of Life" is one of the most often-repeated phrases that people use when describing the region. The Fargo-Moorhead community has many qualities that contribute to this reputation, including an excellent K-12 educational system, three universities (NDSU, Minnesota State University-Moorhead, and Concordia College), advanced medical technology, a progressive business community, clean air and water, and a low cost of living relative to comparable metropolitan areas. A recent study by the Lung Association ranked Fargo as one of two U.S. cities with the cleanest air. Fargo-Moorhead is a bustling and active metropolitan area of approximately 180,000 people offering a wide variety of outdoor recreational activities, as well as an active and diverse visual and performing arts community.

NDSU is an equal opportunity institution. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.