



2024-25 Funding Announcement
Center for the Future of Forests and Society
College of Forestry
Oregon State University

The Center for the Future of Forests and Society (CFFS) in the College of Forestry (COF) at Oregon State University (OSU) is excited to announce this request for proposals.

Theme:

Climate Resilience and Adaptation in Forests and Society

CFFS anticipates funding two types of projects: 1) Research projects; 2) Project Explorations.

1. Research Projects: Enhancing the resilience and adaptability of our forests is one of our greatest challenges in forestry. Because many solutions to our current forestry challenges will often be found at the intersections of a range of academic disciplines, we welcome collaborations from across the rich disciplinary make up of COF (and beyond): from forest ecology, wood products manufacturing and design, human dimensions, engineering, arts, and beyond. In short, we encourage faculty to be creative, imaginative, and intellectually innovative.

Proposals are invited to be boldly interdisciplinary and expressive of multiple ways of knowing. To paraphrase the CFFS description: “We will prioritize efforts bringing together an inclusive array of minds, strategies, and knowledge to collaboratively address complex issues we cannot solve in isolation around the theme of climate resilience and adaptation in forests and society.”

CFFS will allocate awards of up to \$250k per award in this category. These awards can be spent over a 3-year period.

2. Project Explorations: The novel research imagined by CFFS often begins with novel ideas born from novel conversations. The pace and pressures of normal academic life, however, do not always allow for these initial conversations. This category is designed to facilitate the transformation of conversation into action in the form of a pilot project or proof of concept project. Maybe these conversations grow into a new and unique research group, maybe they sprout into the development of an idea for an external proposal, maybe they blossom into a publication or other product, maybe they propagate into a future CFFS-funded research proposal, or maybe they burst into something else entirely.

CFFS will allocate awards of up to \$30k per award in this category. These awards can be spent over a 1-year period.

* In addition to addressing the theme of this RFP (“*Climate Resilience and Adaptation in Forests and Society*”), proposals in either category must be consistent with the mission, vision, purpose, and values of CFFS, found [here](#). We are especially interested in proposals that are grounded in the core values of CFFS (Integrity, Sustainability, Humility, Forward Thinking, Impact) and able to clearly link those core values to the vision, mission, and purpose of CFFS (vision: “Thriving forest ecosystems, economies, and



communities in Oregon and beyond”; mission: “To advance systems-based science and knowledge to ensure the resiliency of our forests, inform sustainable forest management practices and positively impact society”; purpose: “To ensure forests provide for societal and ecological well-being”).

Submission Instructions and Key Dates:

Letter of intent due: November 1, 2024, 5PM PT

Please submit a 1-page letter of intent. Letters should include a description of the project, a list of team members, and a list of possible outcomes of the project (grant proposal, publication, etc.).

Full Proposals will be invited by December 5, 2024, 5PM PT

Full proposal deadline: March 28, 2025, 5PM PT

Instructions for full (up to) 5-page proposal will be provided at the time of invitation to submit.

Funds anticipated to be available by May 30, 2025

Eligibility:

Research teams may include non-COF members. However, the project Lead PI must be a COF faculty member with an appointment of 0.5 FTE or more. Co-PIs can include COF faculty with less than a 0.5 FTE, graduate students, postdocs, FRAs, instructors, and courtesy faculty from within and outside of COF.

Budgeting Guidelines (more detailed guidelines will be provide at the full proposal stage):

Allowable costs include:

- Summer salary for 9 month appointed faculty, COF and non-COF
- Post-doc salary
- Graduate Assistantship funding (for CoF students only)
- Supplies
- Services such as conference venue rentals, catering, etc.
- Travel (domestic and international)
- Consulting/vendor costs
- Graduate student tuition

Unallowable costs include:

- Academic year salary (i.e., no salary savings allowed)
- Subawards to outside institutions
- Large contracts to 3rd party entities
- Indirect costs

Submissions/Questions: Submission and inquires at any stage should be submitted to CFFS director Michael Nelson, mpnelson@oregonstate.edu