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## **Position Announcement: Forest History Society President & CEO**

**Position and Responsibilities:** The President & CEO is a full-time position located in Durham, NC. The position advances the mission and achieves the financial and operational objectives of the Forest History Society. The successful candidate is expected to provide strategic leadership and executive management consistent with the strategic plan and the direction of the board of directors. The President & CEO leads the professional staff and day-to-day operations to achieve the Society's mission and leads the Society to a place of credibility in diversity, equity, and inclusion. Responsibilities include developing and nurturing strategic relationships and representing the Society to its supporters, the media, and other publics.

**The Opportunity:** The President & CEO of the Forest History Society is a dynamic position presenting opportunities to meet with diverse audiences ranging from the leadership of forestry industry companies to academic communities in the sciences and the broad humanities. The position can affect publications in forest and conservation history and create chances for personal research, writing, and publication. Foremost, it is an opportunity to put your mark on a vibrant, growing, and maturing nonprofit that has a bright future. A strong board of directors, competent and professional staff, and a newly approved strategic plan will provide a foundation for success.

**Qualifications:** Applicants should have an advanced degree in forestry, history, library sciences, and/or related disciplines. Certification in association management is preferred but not required. Preference will be given to applicants with substantial and multi-year experience in a senior executive management position or at the associate/full professor level. Applicants are expected to demonstrate how they would bring external funding to the Society for its core programs in library and archives, research and publications, and education and outreach.

**About the Forest History Society:** FHS is a 75-year-old nonprofit institution recognized as the world's foremost library and archives of forest and conservation

history. It operates from its state-of-the-art library, archives, and headquarters, which opened in 2019. It enjoys diverse sources of funding, including an \$8 million endowment. It is a nonadvocacy organization known for its credibility and foundation in absolute integrity in historical interpretation.

*"The Forest History Society is the preeminent organization supporting research and understanding of how people used and interacted with the forested ecosystems of the planet over the long sweep of human history. Its archives, publications, and outreach programs are indispensable in advancing the knowledge of forest and conservation history worldwide."*

William Cronon, Emeritus Professor, Department of History, University of Wisconsin–Madison

**About Durham, North Carolina:** FHS has been located in Durham for nearly forty years. Durham is part of the Research Triangle Region, which includes the neighboring cities of Raleigh and Chapel Hill. The region is known for its research and technology companies and its world-class scholarly institutions. The City of Durham is known as the "City of Medicine," with healthcare as a major industry, including more than 300 medical and health-related companies and medical practices. The area is attractive to many thanks to its fruitful housing market, record low unemployment rate, and exceptional education system. Durham's diverse population of 245,000 enjoys robust opportunities for performing arts, music, sports, recreation, civic engagement, and restaurants, making it one of the most desired places to live in America. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked "[Raleigh and Durham](#)" 6th nationally in its 2022–2023 "Best Places to Live" list.

**Application:** Interested applicants are requested to provide a complete CV or resume describing their professional and academic credentials along with a letter of interest as it pertains to the position. The letter of interest and CV should be emailed to Janet Askew, Assistant Director for Administration, at [janet.askew@foresthistor.org](mailto:janet.askew@foresthistor.org). The complete application process can be found on the FHS website at <https://foresthistor.org>.

Inquiries about the position may be made by contacting Lynn Wilson, Search Committee Chair, [WILSONNL2020@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WILSONNL2020@GMAIL.COM). For technical questions about the application process or to arrange for a visit to the Society's headquarters, call 919-682-9319.