

# 2023 Master's Program In Forest Economics & Policy



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## **I. Program Introduction**

### **1. Overview**

#### **1) Introduction**

Sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China, the Advanced Education Programs are designed to foster disciplinary and interdisciplinary graduate education for high-end business officials and managerial personnel from the developing countries. Fully conducted in English, these programs include one-year and two-year master's programs as well as three-year Ph.D. programs for potential candidates working in the fields of government, trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture, and health in order to build the professional capacity and facilitate the social-economic development of these countries. The candidates may be administrators, researchers, and managers. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree, relevant working experience, and adequate health for the intensive training and research engagement.

Established in 2008, the program is playing increasingly significant roles in the economic development and international cooperation between recipient countries and China.

The Ministry of Commerce began to found the Master's Program in Forest Economics and Policy in Beijing Forestry University (BFU) since 2017 aiming to training more high-end business officials and managerial personnel of forestry sector from the developing countries. It is also hoped that by pursuing the programs and acquiring the degrees, participants will be able to build a successful career and prosperous life.

#### **2) Prospective students**

Prospective students for the Forest Economics and Policy Program hosted by Beijing Forestry University include government officials in charge of forestry, agriculture, resource and environmental management, as well as other relevant personnel from both public and private sectors of the recipient countries. We also welcome applications by mid- or senior-level managerial staff from agricultural or forestry enterprises, junior fellows of higher education and research institutions, and recent college graduates with academic backgrounds in economics, management, forestry, natural resource management, and environmental conservation.

#### **3) Objectives**

The Master program in Forestry Economics and Policy of the Ministry of Commerce is designed to train high-level talents in the field of forestry economics and policy for developing countries and enhance the ability of forestry ecological environment construction and industrial development; Enhance the understanding and mutual trust between China and other developing countries, and promote the sharing of China's successful experience in the construction of forestry ecological civilization and the development of modern forestry

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industry; To serve the realization of China's strategic development goals of the Belt and Road Initiative, Central Africa, Central and Southeast Asia, and Central and Eastern Europe. The establishment of the master program is in line with the practical requirements of China's foreign business cooperation and exchange, and also helps to enhance China's position in global economic development and ecological environment construction through international personnel training and exchange and cooperation.

Through the study of 5 modules including public course module, basic economics course module, professional degree course module, forestry technology course module and professional elective course module, as well as the training of professional practice training, academic discussion and report, students can master the basic theory of economics, understand the frontier knowledge of forestry technology, and systematically master the theory and research methods of forestry economics and policy. High-level talents who can skillfully use quantitative analysis tools for forestry economic and policy analysis, have the academic research ability of forestry economic theory and policy analysis, the practical ability of forest restoration and sustainable forestry development, as well as sustainable management and policy design, and meet the needs of forestry development in developing countries.

### **4) Admission Plan**

**Major:** Master in Forest Economics and Management

Under the admission category of forestry economics, we offer professional programs in: forestry economic theory and policy; forest resource & environment economics; forestry regional sustainable development; international trade in forestry products

**Number of students to be recruited:** 20

**Language of instruction:** English

**Program duration:** Two years

### **5) Financial aids**

- (1) Exemption from tuition fees, teaching materials and materials fees, research and investigation fees, English teaching subsidies, and graduation thesis guidance fees;
- (2) Free on-campus housing;
- (3) Giving living allowance: Master's degree 36,000 yuan/person/year;
- (4) A one-time resettlement fee of 3,000 yuan/person;
- (5) Comprehensive medical insurance in China;
- (6) Free round-trip international air ticket: one round-trip international air tickets and one round-trip air tickets especially for returning home to visit family.
- (7) All degree students are required to participate in the annual review, and those who achieve the academic performance assessment can continue to enjoy the full scholarship in

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the second year.

(8) Financial assistance is provided only for students within the duration of their study. Students who delay graduation for some reason will not receive further financial assistance.

## **2. About Beijing Forestry University (BFU)**

### **1) Introduction**

Located in Haidian district of China's capital Beijing, Beijing Forestry University is a national key university under joint administration of the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the National Forestry and Grassland Administration.

The history of BFU can be dated back to 1902. It was originally known as the Forestry Section of the Agriculture Department of the Imperial University of Peking (Jingshi Daxuetang). During the nationwide restructuring of higher education in 1952, the Forestry Department of Beijing Agricultural University and that of Hebei Agricultural Institute were combined to set up a Beijing Forestry College (BFC). Following the merging of the Landscape Architecture Department of Beijing Agricultural University and the Architecture Department of Tsinghua University in 1956 into it, BFC was designated in 1960 as a key national university. In 1981, BFU became one of the first universities entitled to confer doctorate and master degree. The name of the university was changed in 1985 to the present Beijing Forestry University.

Featured in forestry, biological sciences and forestry engineering, BFU is a multi-disciplinary national key university that runs programs with an extensive coverage in agriculture, science, engineering, economics, management, humanities, law, and philosophy.

According to the fourth round of national discipline evaluation, forestry and landscape architecture, two first-class construction disciplines, are ranked at A+ grade.

Currently, BFU is composed of 17 schools and colleges, offering 65 undergraduate programs, 25 disciplines authorized to offer master degree programs, 16 disciplines authorized to offer professional degree programs , 8 disciplines authorized to offer doctoral degree programs and 7 post-doctoral research stations.

The school has a complete personnel training system and a strong teaching staff. There are 26458 students in the university, including 13719 undergraduates, 7513 postgraduates and 5226 continuing education students. The university has a total staff of 2098, among which 1386 are full-time teachers, including 355 professors and 600 associate professors. 3 academicians of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, 34 recipients of National Talent Program, 1 National "973" chief scientist, 1 chief expert of "863", 1 Chief scientist of National Social Science Fund Major project, 1 "Cultural Master and Four Batch Talents" of the Propaganda Department of the CPC Central Committee, 4 "Young and middle-aged Leading Talents of Science and Technology Innovation" of the Ministry of Science and

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Technology, The Ministry of Environmental Protection "National Environmental Protection Professional and technical young top-notch talents" 2, "New Century Outstanding Talents Support Program" 35, "China Youth Science and Technology Award" 9 winners, "China Young Women Scientists Award" 2 winners, "Science and Technology Beijing" 100 leading talents, Beijing Outstanding Young talents 2, Beijing High-Tech Talent Support Program young top-notch talent 1.

Scientific research has yielded fruitful results. The university now has 84 national and provincial key laboratories, engineering centers and field stations. Among them, 1 National Engineering Technology Research Center, 1 national engineering research Center, 1 national Field observation scientific research station, 1 National energy Research and Development Center of non-food biomass raw materials, 1 international science and technology cooperation base of forestry biomass energy, 2 national demonstration parks of soil and water conservation science and technology, 4 national soil and water conservation monitoring stations, 3 key laboratories of the Ministry of Education, engineering research of the Ministry of Education There are 3 centers, 2 field scientific observation and research stations of the Ministry of Education, 8 key laboratories of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, 7 National Forestry and Grassland Engineering Technology Research centers, 1 quality inspection center of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, 8 National positioning observation and research stations for Terrestrial ecosystems, 1 Beijing Laboratory, 1 Beijing High-tech Innovation Center, 8 Beijing Key Laboratories, and Beijing There are 2 engineering technology research centers, 3 long-term scientific research bases of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, 24 National Forestry and Grassland Innovation alliances, and 2 collaborative innovation centers of science and technology of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration. Since its establishment, the university has won 58 national science and technology awards and 395 provincial and ministerial science and technology awards. Since the "Twelfth Five-Year Plan", the university has won 10 national science and technology awards (6 second prize of National Science and Technology Progress Award, 4 second prize of National Technology Invention Award), more than 100 provincial and ministerial science and technology awards, and more than 20 first prize of national society social Force Awards. It undertakes major scientific and technological projects such as the national key research and development Program, the National Science and Technology Support Program, the "863" program, and the National Natural Science Foundation key projects, and receives a total of 2.559 billion yuan in scientific research funds.

Extensive progress was made in international cooperation and open education. It has carried out scientific and educational cooperation with more than 190 high-level universities and research institutions in more than 30 countries and regions. It has actively promoted international academic exchanges, led the establishment of forestry education coordination mechanism in the Asia-Pacific region, and introduced more than 10 world top academic masters to the university for academic exchanges and cooperation. For 17 years in a row, the Ministry of Commerce has provided foreign aid training for nearly 600 forestry officials from developing countries. Signed strategic agreements with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Asia-Pacific Forest Restoration and Sustainable Management Organization and other international organizations; Together with the French

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Academy of Agricultural Sciences, the Sino-French Eurasian Joint Laboratory of Forest Invasive Organisms was established. High-level international academic conferences, seminars and training courses are held every year. To undertake various foreign expert projects of the Ministry of Science and Technology, and introduce a large number of overseas experts and scholars to carry out online and offline exchanges; A large number of faculty and staff have been sent abroad for academic research cooperation, and more than 40 international scientific and technological cooperation projects have been implemented. In 2021, a total of 334 international students from 75 countries will study in the university, with more than 97 percent of them having degrees.

BFU has strong capabilities in researching and technological platform building and has achieved significant success: There are 49 national and provincial key laboratories, engineering centers and field stations. Since 2011, BFU has published 4230 papers as the first author in SCI and 2735 papers in EI. BFU has obtained research funds of 2.49 billion yuan by undertaking national key research and development programs, national science and technology support programs, "863" programs, national natural science foundation key projects and other major science and technology planning topics.

BFU is committed to international collaboration and open education. Partnerships have been established between BFU and over 190 higher education institutions, research institutes or Non-government organizations from more than 30 countries and regions to carry out cooperative endeavors in education and research. Nowadays, there are 300 students from 50 countries abroad in pursuit of bachelor's, master's or doctor's degree studies or language learning in BFU. By the end of 2019 the university has already accumulatively cultivated more than 2,000 International students.

Aimed at establishing a prominent university and enhancing education proficiency, BFU is so far endeavoring to develop itself into a world-class forestry university rooted in China.

## **2) The Organizer**

The program is administered by the Department of Agriculture & Forestry Economics and Management in the School of Economics and Management at BFU. The Department was established in 1959, with the academic credentials and authorities to offer Master of Science and PhD degrees in the general area of Agriculture & Forestry Economics and Management, covering four specific disciplinary fields of Forestry Economics & Management, Agriculture Economics and Management, Forestry Resource Economics & Management, Ecosystem Conservation & Management. Forestry Economics and Management is a primary discipline designated by the national and municipal governments, Forest Products Trade and Ecosystem Conservation & Management are priority disciplinary areas for development approved by the National Forestry and Grassland Administration. The

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Department also hosts a post-doctoral research station of Forestry Economics & Management and operates an integrated network of research and teaching labs and other facilities. International trade (forest products trade research field) and finance (green finance research field) are key disciplines cultivated by the National Forestry and Grassland Administration.

The Department has 48 faculty members, among which 19 are professors and 20 associate professors. Many possess overseas study and/or research experiences. The faculty is renowned for its high-quality teaching and research, as well as leading roles in professional societies and services.

The priority research directions of the Department are: Forestry Economics & Policy, Natural Resource & Environment Economics, Forest Industrial Economics & Trade, Forest Resource Accounting and Asset Management, Ecosystem Conservation & Management, Community Forestry and Sustainable Development, and Forestry carbon sink&carbon finance. From 2012, the Department's average research funding topped 10 million RMB annually, with more than 1000 projects, some are supported by the National Natural Science Foundation, the National Social Science Foundation, MOE's Humanity and Social Science Foundation, the National Social Science Research Program, and other national agencies and international organizations. Many of the projects and publications have been selected for awards at the national, provincial, ministerial level or by national professional societies.

Working with the National Forestry and Grassland Administration and other national and provincial authorities, the Department has established multiple research and service branches, such as the Rural Forestry Reform & Development Research Center, the Ecosystem Conservation Research Center, the National Forestry Budgeting Assessment Center, and the National Forestry and Grassland Administration "Belt and Road" forestry grassland economy and trade international cooperation center, and 7 University-level scientific research center. It has become a prominent think tank for national forestry development strategies and policies and ecological restoration and management.

Moreover, the Department has made great progress in promoting international cooperation. Each year the Department invites 8-10 internationally renowned forest economics policy scholars from abroad to give lectures or offer research seminars at BFU. The Department has organized or sponsored several national and international conferences and workshops in recent years, including International Forum on China Forestry Economics, Fifth Faustmann International Seminar, Ministry of Commerce's Training Workshop for Forestry Officials from Developing Countries, and East Asia Wildlife Conservation Policy Research Forum. The Department also offers an MA program of Forestry Economics and Policy for the Asia-Pacific Network for Sustainable Forest Management and Rehabilitation, with courses being delivered in English. Currently there are about 80 international students enrolled in the Department's regular graduate programs or short-term bilateral exchange programs.



### **3) Campus and facilities**

Beijing is hot and rainy in summer and cold and dry in winter. The annual average temperature is 10°C to 12 °C. -7°C to -4°C in January, 25°C to 26 °C in July.

With a 47–hectares campus, BFU is equipped with a modern 23,400 m<sup>2</sup> library of 1,845,500 books and a digital network with 48,900 GB of documents and 70 databases. In addition, it has a 11,627-acre experimental forest in the outskirts of Beijing, a 3,002-acre comprehensive teaching and research field site in Cangzhou (Hebei Province), and a northern demonstrative forest in Pingquan (Hebei Province), a southern demonstrative forest in Jiangle (Fujian Province), a research and experimental site of public forests in Langxiang Forestry Administration (Heilongjiang Province), and a research and teaching state forest farm in Badaling (Beijing).

A sophisticated and integrated network has been set up to support overseas students in their academic activities. There is a national Virtual simulation experiment teaching center, a forestry economics & policies dynamic simulation experiment system. we also have practical teaching base in Hubei Taizishan Forestry Administration. School facilities include 400m<sup>2</sup> multi-functional reference room and English reference room, with more than 20,000 books, 216 journals, more than 2000 dictionaries. We have a reading room reserved for international students with ¥ 100,000 worth of books. An 80 m<sup>2</sup> workroom with 45 standard seats and other necessary facilities are also reserved for international students.

Accommodation: Single room.

The dorm is located in the south of campus Gym. with air-conditioners, refrigerators, wardrobes, desks, TVs, Internet, seperate bathroom and shower etc.

All kinds of facilities and devices are in readiness, such as the gym, basketball court, football field and so on. There are 7 canteens, including a Muslim canteen. The average price of a meal is about 10 yuan.

The campus hospital provides all-round medical services to international student, who are also guaranteed with year-round medical insurance. So students here can enjoy a wonderful learning environment and have a colorful campus life.

## **3. Academic Arrangement**

### **1) Curriculum Arrangement**

#### **(1) Curriculum**

Students need to have at least 31.5 credits to partially fulfill the requirements of the Master of Science program. Included are 26.5 credits for coursework and 5 credits research and other academic activities (2 for research seminars and presentation, 1 for thesis proposal, and 2 for field study and training). Of the 26.5 credits for coursework, 20.5 are from required courses and 6 from elective courses. All courses should have been taken prior to the fourth semester, which will be devoted to thesis research. Courses offered are as follows:

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Category		No.	Course Title	Hours	Credits	Instructor	Evaluation
(Required Courses)	Public courses Module	[1]	Basic Chinese	128	8	Huang He	Exam
		[2]	China's National Conditions	40	2.5	Li Zhi	Assessment
	Fundamental Economics courses Module	[3]	Microeconomics	32	2	Yu Chang	Exam
		[4]	Resources & Environment Economics	32	2	Xie Yi	Exam
	Specialized Degree courses Module	[5]	Forest Economics	32	2	Liu Junchang	Exam
		[6]	Forest Policy	32	2	Wen Yali, Jiang Xuemei	Exam
	Forestry technology courses Module	[7]	Forestry Technology Frontier	32	2	A professor from BFU	Assessment
Specialized optional courses Module (at least 6 credits required)	[8]	Macro-Economics	32	2	Zhou Jianhua	Assessment	
	[9]	Econometrics and statistics software	48	3	Li Lingchao, Li Qiang	Assessment	
	[10]	Frontier Topics in Forestry Economics and Policies	32	2	Wen Yali	Assessment	
	[11]	Modern Forestry Management	32	2	Gong Peichen, Xie Yi	Assessment	
	[12]	Community Forestry	32	2	Wen Yali	Assessment	
	[13]	Forest Ecology	32	2	Li Junqing	Assessment	
	[14]	International Trade in Forest Products	32	2	Fu Yizhong	Assessment	
	[15]	Topics in Forestry Finance	32	2	Qin Tao	Assessment	

Note: There are two evaluation methods: exam and assessment, with the former including open-book test and closed-book test, while the latter referring to term paper, survey report and other means of appraisal.

### (2) Description for Courses

[1] Basic Chinese: Textbook: Hello China, including pronunciation, vocabulary, texts and grammar. Combined with the actual situation of students, teachers will focus on cultivating students' interest in learning Chinese, positive and optimistic attitude towards life and ability of oral communication in the daily teaching.

[2] China's National Conditions: An overview of basic situation in China, including geography, history, traditional culture, literature and China's politics, economy, education, environmental protection, science & technology, foreign policies, forestry and related policies.

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[3] Micro-economics: An overview of basic concepts, ideas, methodology and theories of microeconomics to build a foundation for economic management courses and practices. Including The ten principles of economics, supply theory, demand theory, flexibility, production costs, four kinds of market types (competition, monopoly, monopoly competition, oligarchy).

[4] Resources & Environment Economics: Explanation of the scarcity of resources, the sustainable utilization of resources and environment, the economic principles of resource allocation, the optimal allocation of non-renewable resources, the optimal allocation of renewable resources, the optimal utilization of public resources, environmental issues in economic development; accounting and evaluation of natural resources and environmental value, etc.

[5] Forest Economics: Forestry investment analysis, i.e. capital's time value and evaluation method of forestry investment; introduction of forest industry, i.e. forest production and the rendering of forest service; economic issues of forest operation, i.e. optimal rotation of the forest and logging rules, etc.

[6] Forest Policy: Introduction of basic theoretical knowledge of policy study and basic framework and content of forestry policy; history of the development of the world's major forestry policies and the characteristics of existing forestry policies; application of basic methodology of forestry policy to analyze and solve the realistic problems of forestry development in various countries.

[7] Forestry Technology Frontier: Introduction of modern nursery stock, timber forest, ecological forest, urban forest, economic forest, energy forest; frontier theory and methodology in progress in cultivation technology and modern forest biotechnology research.

[8] Macroeconomics: Introduction of major concepts in macroeconomics, determination of commodity demand and output, IS-LM models, prices, wages and unemployment, AS-AD models, natural unemployment and Philip curves, inflation and nominal monetary growth, economic growth, fiscal and monetary policy.

[9] Econometrics and statistics software: Introduction of linear model, multiple regression model, multiple collinearity, heteroscedasticity, autocorrelation, autocorrelation, virtual independent variable and operation of Stata statistical software package.

[10] Frontier Topics in Forestry Economics and Policies: World frontier progress in research areas of forestry and response to climate change, forest products trade and environment, forest ecosystem services valuation, forestry and biodiversity conservation, forestry and anti-poverty, forestry and food production, international compliance and cooperation in forestry, forestry industry development, sustainable forest utilization.

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[11] Modern Forestry Management: Research theory and analytic method on major forest management and decision making issues including benefits and management objectives of forest resource, management of even-aged forest, management of uneven-aged forest, adjustment of forest yield, multi-target forest management; risk analysis of forest management, forest management and climate change, sustainable forest operation.

[12] Community Forestry: Background of community forestry, the composition of community forestry economic system, the environmental impact factors of community forestry economic operation, the organization of community forestry, community forestry and rural sustainable development, non-timber forest products and community forestry, community Gender analysis in forestry, community forestry survey methodology.

[13] Forest Ecology: Aimed at helping students gradually grasp the basic theory and certain investigation and research method of forest ecology, to lay the foundation of ecology for further study of other specialized courses; fostering student's analytical and problem-solving abilities with ecological thinking.

[14] International Trade in Forest Products: International Trade & Investment: Basic Concepts and Theories. World Forest Product Trade Development and Trade Policies. Development of Forest Product Trade and Trade Policies in China. Trade Friction and Remedy in China's Forest Product Trade. Foreign Direct Investment of China's Forestry.

[15] Forestry Finance and Insurance: Forestry Finance and Insurance is a social science subject that takes the borrow and lend behavior of forestry operators and the capital operation law of all kinds of forest related financial organizations as the basic research object, runs a comprehensive discussion on forestry financial instruments, forestry risk management and forestry insurance.

### (3) Faculty

The faculty is composed of experienced instructors who are experienced in academic studies and proficient in English language. Nearly 20 professors and associate professors are able to offer courses in English, 10 of whom had taken relevant courses taught fully in English. Included in them are overseas faculty members from the Swedish Agricultural University, Auburn University of U.S.A. There are 6 other renowned overseas scholars in forest economics, policy, and governance as our visiting graduate instructors, as well as 15 excellent Chinese scholars in agricultural and forest economics as part-time visiting professors.

Each international student will participate in a variety of departmental academic activities and has his or her academic advisor. Additional advising and mentoring will be

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provided by thesis committee and other faculty members. The school has an office with experienced personnel dedicated to serving and assisting international students.

The details of some courses instructors are as the following:

**LIU Junchang:** Professor, Department of Forest Economics and management, School of Economics and Management. He received his degree in Forestry Economics and Management from Beijing Forestry University (BFU) in 2002. His major research area is forestry economics.

**WEN Yali:** Professor, Department of Forest Economics and management, School of Economics and Management. He received his degree in Forestry Economics and Management from Beijing Forestry University (BFU) in 2003. His major research areas are the forestry economics and policy, and the protection of economic and policy.

**ZHOU Jianhua:** Associate Professor, School of Economics and Management, BFU. He received his degree in Agricultural Economics, School of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University in 1999. His major research areas are poverty alleviation, rural development and environmental economics.

**XIE Yi:** Professor, School of Economics and Management, BFU. He received his doctoral degree in Forest Economics, Beijing Forestry University(BFU) in 2008. His major research areas are forest management institutional efficiency evaluation; farm household forestry in China.

**FU Yizhong:** Professor, School of Economics and Management, BFU. She received her Doctor degree in Economics, University of International Business & Economics in 2009. Her research areas are Policy on trade in services, Theory and Policies in International Trade, Service innovation.

**WANG Lanhui:** Associate Professor, School of Economics and Management, BFU. She received her Ph.D. degree in Engineering, Beihang University in 2010.

**Li Lingchao :** Associate Professor, School of Economics and Management, BFU. He received his Doctor degree in Management, Renmin University of China in 2015. His research areas are forest transition, forestry industry development and trade.

## **2) Instruction and advising**

Responsibility System is adopted for the program. Each graduate student will be guided by one or two major professors. In the latter case, a primary advisor responsible for all the training procedures should be designated, with the secondary advisor providing mainly academic guidance in interdisciplinary research.

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The training plan includes four parts: coursework, topical seminars/lectures, research proposal, and practical training.

The courses may vary in their organization and delivery. In general, a course includes classroom teaching and discussion, lab work and computer-based simulation, and field studies. Evaluation methods include exam and assessment, with the former covering open-book and/or closed-book tests and the latter referring to term paper, survey report, and other means of appraisal.

The overall training plan includes a coursework plan and a research plan. Within two months after enrollment, the student shall prepare a complete plan specifying the selected courses, intended credit hours, and so on. In the research plan, the student shall choose a specific research topic first and then prepare a proposal detailing literature review and thesis research activities, and a timetable for thesis drafting and defense. The training plan shall be subject to review and examination by the thesis committee and approval by the thesis advisor via the online system.

Four seminars and four lectures are also required to earn the two credits. These events will be organized by the Department, with students participating in the topical discussions following the events. A Seminar Record for Academic Graduates at BFU (or Seminar Record) form shall be filled out by each student after an academic seminar or lecture, and a Seminar Evaluation Form for Academic Graduates at BFU (or Evaluation Form) shall be filled out by the speaker or instructor before submitting his/her online application for thesis defense. The two forms shall be bound together and submitted to the Department's graduate office for evaluation by the advisor and the Department.

Students shall submit their thesis proposals in the third semester. Research Proposal of Academic Master's Degree at BFU shall be completed with the instruction of the advisor on the basis of extensive literature review and research outline. Content of the research proposal shall include: the theoretical and practical significance of the research, literature review, study objective(s), hypothesis (question) and methodology, anticipated innovations and challenges, and a timetable for the project. The proposal shall be reviewed first by the student's advisor, and then submitted to the thesis committee for assessment one week before the proposal defense. In case of failure, at a later time (at least in 3 months) another proposal defense shall be rescheduled; another failure will lead to a year's delay of the study. The student status will be terminated if the delay expires or the third proposal defense fails. One credit will be awarded to the student if the proposal defense is successful. The proposal report shall be submitted in written form to graduate administration office for filing upon approval by the dean. The thesis research shall be carried out according to the proposal and the advisor shall oversee the progress regularly.

The students of this program will be required to participate a field training in China territory. The domestic component will start in two weeks before the end of first academic year (the second semester). For domestic field study, the student needs to take part in at

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least one questionnaire-based rural survey or research forum. A field study report of at least 8000 English words shall be handed in with the questionnaire and the outline of research forum as attachments.

Prior to the submission of thesis defense application online, the student shall fill and print out The Evaluation Form of Field Training Practice of Academic Master Degree at BFU, which will describe the field study in each category according to the training process, with no less than 2000 words). Upon examination and approval by the advisor and thesis committee, the form will be submitted to the school for filing by the graduate secretary into the graduate information system. Two credits will be granted.

### **3) Curricular Arrangement by Semester**

The new students' registration is planned on September. The two-year program is divided into four semesters. All courses should be completed by the end of the third semester. The student's education plan should be completed within two months of the first semester; academic seminars and reports be completed by the end of the third semester; thesis proposal completed by the end of the first month of the third semester; field study practice should be carried out in the second and third semester. Students should complete their thesis defense during the fourth semester.

The winter vacation is from late January to late February, and the summer vacation is from July to September. The students are scheduled to graduate in July 2025.

### **4) Thesis**

#### **(1) Requirement of degree thesis**

The subject of the thesis should be generally consistent with the original proposal. In the thesis, the student should demonstrate his or her ability to understand the relevant theoretical principles and analytic tools acquired from the program training and apply them to address scientific or policy issues. Research findings should be novel and contribute to an improved knowledge of and/or a practical solution to the real-world problems.

The student should complete his or her thesis independently under the advisor's guidance, with appropriate protocol and procedure. The thesis should be written in English with no less than 45,000 words. Sound work should be reflected in appropriate data generation and analysis, clear conclusion, literature citation, and adequate presentation. The format should follow the *BFU Uniform Requirements for Master's Degree Thesis in Social Sciences and Humanities*.

#### **(2) Prerequisites for Thesis Defense**

Prior to the thesis defense, a student must have fulfilled the following requirements: (1) the required courses and other activities specified in the education plan; (2) at least one

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academic paper related to the thesis work has been published (or accepted for publication) in an academic journal; (3) the online application procedure for defense before the deadline; and (4) the passage of the thesis by the anonymous assessment of external experts.

### **5) Degree**

Degree thesis shall be submitted for review and defended in accordance with BFU provisions. A master's degree of Management will be conferred upon the student after his or her thesis is examined by the defense committee and approved by degree evaluation committee.

## **II. Application**

### **1. Application Requirements**

(1) Applicants shall be non-Chinese citizens from developing countries, no more than 45 years old (be born after Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1978) with a good health condition.

(2) Applicants are expected to have a bachelor's degree in majors of economics, management science, forestry, or environmental science.

Applicants with a minimum 3 years experience of being government officials in charge of forestry, agriculture, resources, environment and other relevant public sectors of the recipient countries, or being mid-or-senior level managerial staff from agriculture or forestry-related enterprises, or being teaching and research faculty of relevant disciplines from higher education and research institutions are preferred.

(3) Being physically and psychologically healthy. Applicants are required to provide the health certificate or physical examination form issued by the local public hospital, no disease which will cause border rejection or prohibition of permanent residence by Chinese Law, There are no severe hypertension, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer and other severe chronic diseases, mental illness or infectious diseases which are likely to cause serious harm to public health. Not in major surgery recovery or acute episodes. No severe limb disability. Pregnant women are not allowed to attend the program. If you become pregnant while studying in China, you will be expelled from university.

(4) Proficient in English for professional courses.

(5) Have the potential for career development in this field and intend to promote friendly exchanges and cooperation between the host country and China.

(6) Students who have studied in China or have been taken by other Chinese government scholarships may not apply.

### **2. Application Procedure**

#### **1) Applying for BFU**



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Please use BFU International Application Portal at <https://bjfu.at0086.cn/student> to submit application materials. The application deadline is June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. .

In scholarship application categories, please select “MOFCOM (The Chinese Ministry of Commerce) Scholarship”.

### 2) Applying for MOFCOM Scholarship

Please visit the online application system of Chinese Scholarship Council at <https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login>, and register for an account. Select “online application” and “Chinese Government Scholarship,” open the application page, and fill in school, discipline and personal information. Then, an application form will be created. Print out the form, put on a hand-written signature and date.

Please note:

A. The agency number of BFU is 10022; Fields of Disciplines of Conferring Academic degrees is “Management”; Research Field is “Forest Economics & Management”.

B. CSC number generated in the form is for filling out visa application form 201 for studying in China.

C. Please choose B for scholarship category.

### 3) Application Materials

Application materials include the following items:

Documents	Requirements	Original copy	Photocopy
1 Recommendation letter by the applicant's working institution	A recommendation letter by the institution where the applicant works showing its willingness of recommendation is required. In the letter there shall be a brief introduction of the applicant.	1	1
2 Recommendation letters by academics	Recommendation letters from two individuals with the professional title of associate professor or above are required with the description of the applicant's academic background, research field, past achievement, and research abilities also requested.	2	2
3 Acquired degree and diploma certificates	The certificates of acquired degree or diploma (Would-be graduates may submit a letter of proof by their school.)	1	1
4 Academic Transcripts	Transcripts with major courses taken and grades obtained from previous degree education.	1	1
5 Academic plan	It shall cover the applicant's prospects and targets for his/her potential study in China as well as research plan to be accomplished in China. (Written in about 800 Chinese characters or 1000 English words).	1	1

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6	CV	Personal background and education and work experience after high school.	1	1
7	English Proficiency Proof	For non-native English speakers only. Applicants shall provide recent test results (within the period of validity) of IELTS with a score of 6.0 or above or TOFEL (Internet-based) with a score of 79 or above or other relevant certificates.	1	1
8	Regular passport	Passport's information page showing photo, name, passport number, etc. Diplomatic passport or official passport is not acceptable.	1	1
9	Physical Examination Form	The health form shall be issued within one month before the submission of application, showing that the applicant doesn't carry any infectious disease or any disability that might affect academic activities or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection Regulations.	1	1

Please note: Among the above mentioned application materials, the original contents of 3.4.7. and 8 will be required to be shown while registering; if any item is missing or inconsistent with the copy submitted previously, the registration will be refused.

### **4) Application submission**

(1) The trainee can apply for the scholarship program after obtaining the approval and recommendation of the relevant responsible department of the government, and submit the materials according to the specific requirements of the relevant departments of the host country;

(2) If the host government allows the individual to submit the materials directly to the Chinese embassy, the student must hold the relevant certificate or recommendation letter approved by the host country to study in China, and the original paper documents formed by the above 1, 2 and 3. The scanned electronic version of the document was submitted to the Economic and Commercial Office of the Chinese Embassy in the country; The addresses and contact details of the Economic and Commercial offices can be found on the official website of Ministry of Commerce. <http://www.mofcom.gov.cn/>.

(3) The responsible department of the host government requests the Economic and Commercial Office of the Chinese Embassy to issue a recommendation letter for the recommended student in the country, and indicate in the written request that if the university they applied to has been used up, whether they are willing to accept the adjustment to the same or similar programs in other universities. If the applicant has other special instructions, please also submit.

Attention:

a) All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.

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- b) An original copy of degrees, transcripts and language certificates must be presented for on-site verification at the Economic and Commercial Counselor Office of the Chinese Embassy. Applicants have to scan the document and upload it in the application system after be verified by the Economic and Commercial Counselor Office
- c) Applicants will reclaim all the hard-copy materials, both original copies and photocopies from the Economic and Commercial Counselor Office of Chinese Embassy. If admitted, they must take the documents to China and present them to the International College for review and archiving.

### **3. Application Deadline**

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **III. Other Information**

### **1. Contact**

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### **2. Other notes**

- 1) Application materials will not be returned regardless of the outcome.
- 2) The Chinese government will not provide any explanation regarding the admission decision.
- 3) It is not allowed to bring your spouse or children to China to accompany with you. The expenses of visiting spouse and/or children will not be covered by the scholarships.
- 4) Necessary documents for visa processing and other relevant matters will be included in admission letter.