The Department of Animal Sciences at Auburn University is seeking a motivated graduate student to join our Animal Science & Forage Extension team. The successful candidate will work under the supervision of Beef Cattle Extension Specialist, Dr. Maggie Justice, and will be actively involved in both research and Extension programming focused on integrated beef–forage systems.

Our program emphasizes strategies to improve cattle nutrition, management, efficiency, health, and overall herd longevity within southeastern beef production systems. This position offers a unique opportunity to contribute to applied research while gaining hands-on Extension experience.



Opportunities

- Conduct applied research with beef cattle and forage systems
- Gain experience in Extension programming and producer engagement
- Collaborate with a multidisciplinary team of scientists, Extension agents, and industry stakeholders
- Develop skills in data collection, analysis, scientific writing, and public communication

Qualifications

- B.S. in Animal Science, Agronomy, or a related field
- Strong interest in applied beef cattle and forage research
- Excellent communication and teamwork skills
- Self-motivation and willingness to engage with both research and Extension audiences

Assistantship Details

- Full tuition waiver plus competitive stipend
- Anticipated start date: January 2026 (negotiable)
- Position open until filled

Application Instructions

Interested candidates should submit the following materials in a single PDF file to Dr. Maggie Justice, smj0059@auburn.edu:

- Cover letter describing background, interests, and career goals
- Résumé or CV
- Contact information for three references
- Unofficial transcripts (official copies will be required later)

We encourage applicants who are eager to contribute to the advancement of beef cattle and forage production in the Southeast. For more information about our program, please visit our department's website.

Kim

Kim Mullenix, Ph.D.

Professor and Department Head

Animal Sciences

College of Agriculture – Auburn University

210 Upchurch Hall

Auburn University, AL 36849

O: 334-844-1546 | M: 334-707-4471

Our Work: www.aub.ie/animalsciences

