

Announcement

UNL Department of Entomology PhD Fellowship

We are seeking an outstanding student for a four-year Ph.D. Fellowship in the Department of Entomology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The intent is to recruit a student whose career interests align with research, teaching, extension and/or public engagement related to Entomology, the study of insects and related arthropods.

The successful applicant will spend their first semester (Fall 2022) exploring various research programs in the department of Entomology in Lincoln, NE, and at the UNL research center in Scottsbluff. The new Fellow will then choose which faculty advisor(s) they will work with to pursue their Ph.D. research program.

A list of potential faculty advisors is provided below. Applicants are encouraged to investigate all eligible research programs and reach out to potential advisors via the departmental website (<https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty>) prior to applying.

Eligibility. Applicants who have completed or may have a pending BS/BA or MS/MA in the life sciences will be considered. Experience with insects or training in entomology is helpful, but not required.

Other details. The Fellowship pays a full stipend of \$24,396 (12 months) as well as tuition costs (in- or out-of-state), for a four-year period. Seventy-nine percent of health insurance premiums are paid by the Fellowship with the additional 21% health premiums paid by the recipient. The recipient is responsible for all student fees.

Our graduate student handbook contains additional information and can be found here <https://entomology.unl.edu/ghb.pdf>

Application letter. In the letter of application, applicants should:

1. Indicate they are applying for the Entomology Ph.D. Fellowship;
2. Address how their interests align with the research programs within the Department;
3. Elucidate how their preparation (life experiences, academic coursework) cultivated an interest in pursuing a Ph.D. in Entomology;
4. Discuss career goals after obtaining their Ph.D.

Letters of recommendation. Three academic or professional letters of recommendation are required. The selection committee requests that letter writers address the following:

1. Candidate's ability to succeed academically, professionally, and personally in a Ph.D. Entomology program;
2. Candidate's ability to think creatively and communicate effectively;
3. Candidate's adaptability to challenges and ability to problem-solve;
4. Candidate's interest in and ability to address interdisciplinary questions

UNL Graduate School Application. The Ph.D. application will be submitted to University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Studies: <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/admissions/steps>.

In addition, please notify Kathy Schindler (kschindler1@unl.edu) that you are applying for the Fellowship so we can separate your application for consideration.

Diversity Statement. The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, and/or political affiliation in its programs, activities, or employment.

Selection Process.

- Applications are due April 30, 2022 (reviews begin shortly thereafter)
- Starting date for position: Fall Semester 2022
- Candidates will be evaluated by a Graduate Faculty Committee on a competitive basis.

Potential Faculty Advisors

Dr. Troy Anderson	https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty/dr-troy-anderson
Dr. Jeff Bradshaw	https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty/dr-jeff-bradshaw
Dr. Georgina Bingham	https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty/dr-georgina-bingham
Dr. Doug Golick	https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty/dr-doug-golick
Dr. Joe Louis	https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty/dr-joe-louis
Dr. Louise Lynch-O'Brien	https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty/dr-louise-lynch-obrien
Dr. Justin McMechan	https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty/dr-justin-mcmechan
Dr. Leslie Rault	https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty/dr-leslie-rault
Dr. Autumn Smart	https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty/dr-autumn-h-smart
Dr. Ana Maria Vélez	https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty/dr-ana-maria-velez
Dr. Tom Weissling	https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty/dr-tom-weissling
Dr. Judy Wu-Smart	https://entomology.unl.edu/faculty/dr-judy-wu-smart