



Urban Entomology Lab Manager and Industry Project Coordinator

Position Description: The [DeVries Lab](#) in the Department of Entomology at the University of Kentucky is recruiting a Lab Manager and Industry Project Coordinator (full time) to assist in urban entomology research and extension efforts. Defined broadly, urban entomology encompasses a multitude of topics relating to biology, behavior, and management of pests found indoors and around structures. The primary responsibilities of this position include: rearing insects (primarily cockroaches and bed bugs), conducting experiments independently and as part of a team, working in homes with pest-infestations, delivering education materials to the public (homeowners, pest control operators, chemical companies), helping students, ordering supplies, and overseeing day-to-day lab operation.

Qualifications: A bachelor's degree in biology or a closely related field is required, but an advanced degree (MS or PhD) is preferred. Experience working with insects (collecting, rearing, conducting experiments), conducting research, and interacting with the public (especially speaking Spanish) are a plus. The successful applicant will have a passion for improving urban pest management and mitigating health risks associated with urban pests.

Life in Lexington: Lexington is a vibrant city that maintains a collegiate atmosphere. Ranked #34 in the US News and World Report [Best Places to Live](#), Lexington boasts a wide variety of restaurants and shopping, and is close to some wonderful hiking trails (1 hour to the [Red River Gorge](#)). Also, due to its central location, travel (driving and flying) to and from Lexington is both easy and convenient. The University of Kentucky consistently ranks one of the best places to work in the country, recently being ranked by Forbes as one of the [top 10 best places to work](#).

Start Date and Compensation: The start date for this position is flexible but can be as early as April 2024. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. The University of Kentucky offers a [generous benefits package](#) which includes comprehensive health coverage and a 2:1 employer retirement match.

Application Procedure: Interested applicants should submit the following to Zachary DeVries via email (zdevries@uky.edu):

1. Cover letter describing your research experience, interests, and career goals
2. CV
3. Unofficial transcript(s)
4. Name and contact information for three references

Review of applications will begin on March 25, 2024, and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Questions about the position should be directed to Dr. Zachary DeVries.

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