

The newly formed Thompson Lab in the Department of Entomology at UC Riverside is recruiting undergraduate student researchers to assist with laboratory set-up and cleanup. Depending on student performance and available funds, opportunities may also be available to conduct scientific research on topics related to chemical, molecular, and community ecology of plant-insect interactions.

The work activities will consist of: organizing and labelling laboratory supplies, cleaning and prepping laboratory space for experiments, setting up and testing new equipment and instruments, rearranging and moving items throughout the laboratory, planting squash and other vegetable seeds in the laboratory and greenhouse, maintaining insect colonies, and conducting bioassays to measure insect and plant growth.

The student will develop familiarity with a variety of scientific research supplies, tools, and techniques. The student may also gain experience with insect/plant colony maintenance, experimental design, and data analysis, depending on progression of the work activities. Basic knowledge of biology (including but not limited to ecology and molecular biology) is recommended. Interest in learning about chemical ecology, plant-insect interactions, and insect ecology is preferred. Must be comfortable working with plants, insects, and soil.

To apply: Submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and transcripts to Dr. Morgan Thompson at morgan.thompson@ucr.edu. Review of applications will commence on **February 13, 2025**, and proceed until the position is filled. For full consideration, applicants should submit their complete applications prior to the above date.

For more information about this position, please contact Dr. Morgan Thompson and visit the laboratory website (<https://mthomps15.wixsite.com/mthompson>).