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### Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Urban Entomology (67808)

#### JOB DESCRIPTION

The [Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences](#) is committed to creating an environment that affirms diversity across a variety of dimensions, including ability, class, ethnicity/race, gender identity and expression. We particularly welcome applicants who can contribute to such an environment through their scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and professional service. We strongly encourage historically underrepresented groups to apply.

If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call 352-392-2477 or the Florida Relay System at 800-955-8771 (TDD) or visit [Accessibility at UF](#).

This is a 12-month, tenure-accruing position that will be 70% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 30% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences) in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida (UF). The position will be academically housed in the Entomology and Nematology Department within IFAS in Gainesville FL, and the nature of the assignment may change in accordance with the changing needs of the department and IFAS. Tenure will accrue in the Entomology and Nematology Department. The successful candidate must demonstrate evidence of strong training and experience with modern biological approaches to the study of integrated pest management of insects of importance in the urban environment.

Florida is regularly challenged with emerging and invasive urban pests. The incumbent will be expected to develop successful research and teaching programs with an emphasis on biology and management of urban and structural pests. The candidate will be expected to engage in and contribute to addressing issues of importance to stakeholders in our state and to broader collaborative efforts related to urban pest management. This is a broad-based search. Research areas could include, but would not be limited to behavior, ecology, genetics, physiology and toxicology of urban/structural pests, especially invasive species. Entomologists that are strongly motivated to address important questions promoting sustainable and integrated pest management-based solutions for urban pests are encouraged to apply. Urban pest management is a departmental strength at UF and the incumbent will be expected to contribute to establishing UF as a recognized center of excellence for urban pest management. Opportunities exist for collaboration with urban entomologists on the Gainesville campus, at UF Research and Education Centers, IFAS County extension, regulators for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the various urban pest management associations in Florida, nationally and internationally.

The successful candidate will participate actively in scholarly activities related to instruction, including teaching undergraduate and graduate courses that are required for the urban pest management certificate, chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising undergraduate and graduate research and creative work, publishing results with graduate students, participating in curriculum revision and enhancement, producing learning tools, and engaging in professional development activities related to teaching and advising. Faculty are encouraged to support and participate in the CALS Honors Program, distance education, and international education.

The faculty member will aggressively seek contract and grant funding to support their program and must consistently publish scientific publications both in peer-reviewed journals and other appropriate venues. Faculty are expected to participate in professional development activities such as training in mentoring, grant writing and intercultural competency.

UF/IFAS is a land-grant institution under which all faculty are expected to be supportive of and engaged in all three mission areas—Research, Teaching, and Extension—regardless of the assignment split specified in the position description.

#### JOB QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

Ph.D. (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Entomology or related field, with experience in urban pest management. Candidates must have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, publication in peer-reviewed journals, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must have aptitude and motivation necessary for cooperation with a diverse group of stakeholders, including the pest control industry, technology providers, county extension personnel, staff, faculty, and statewide colleagues. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system and candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

Preferred:

Familiarity with urban pests or arthropods of regulatory concern, including termites, ants, cockroaches, stored product pests, occasional invaders, and/or biting and venomous arthropods in the urban environments, is desired. In addition, teaching and postdoctoral experience are desirable.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

**For full consideration, candidates should apply and submit additional materials by February 15, 2021. The position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.**

##### Nominations

Nominations are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name, address and email address of the nominee. This information should be sent to:

Please refer to Requisition # 67808

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##### Application Information

- Individuals wishing to apply should go online to <http://apply.interfolio.com/81823> and submit:
  - Cover letter that states applicant's interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Statement of research interests
  - Statement of teaching and mentoring philosophy
  - Diversity statement indicating how your previous experiences have prepared you to contribute to an inclusive institutional culture
  - Contact information (including email addresses) for three individuals willing to write letters of recommendation

Review of applications will begin January 4, 2020 and continue until the position is filled.

Selected candidate will be required to provide an official transcript to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered “official” if a designation of “Issued to Student” is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#).

Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the US. The University of Florida is a public institution and subject to all requirements under Florida Sunshine and Public Record laws.

The [University of Florida](#) is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The University and greater Gainesville community enjoy a diversity of cultural events, restaurants, year-round outdoor recreational activities, and social opportunities.

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##### OPEN DATE

Dec 11, 2020

##### CLOSE DATE

Open Until Filled

##### LOCATION

Gainesville, FL

##### UNIT

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