

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**Assistant/Associate Professor: Entomologist (IPM) for controlled environment production
University of Georgia**

Position: The Department of Entomology (<https://ent.uga.edu>) at the University of Georgia (UGA) invites applications for a tenure-track position (9 months) in IPM for controlled environment agriculture at the Assistant/Associate Professor rank. We seek candidates with expertise in the area of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and experience and/or interest in sustainable production of greenhouse edible, ornamental, medicinal or aromatic crops.

Location: Department of Entomology, UGA-Griffin Campus.

Position Responsibilities: The position includes research (80%) and extension (20%). The successful candidate will be expected to develop a nationally and internationally recognized research and extension program supported by competitive external funding, to publish high impact research, and to effectively mentor graduate/undergraduate students. Many production systems are used in commercial greenhouses and related structures. Areas of interest include development of new pest management strategies for specialty crops in controlled environments and early detection methods for pests. Another area of interest is developing an enhanced understanding of how equipment, plant density, spacing, propagation rooms, water delivery system, fertilization methods and other cultural practices affect pest pressure and management approaches. A collaborative and multidisciplinary approach to solving important emerging problems that strengthen and complement the current programs in the department and college is expected. The successful candidate is also expected to be active in departmental and university service, and professional activities and outreach.

Qualifications: Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Entomology or a related discipline and strong track record of grants accomplishments and peer-reviewed publications. Demonstrated training and expertise in integrative approaches is required. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are required. Applicants should also have a record of scholarly activities in their field demonstrated by peer-reviewed publications and gaining funding for their research. Postdoctoral research background and a history in extension are preferred.

The Department: The Department of Entomology includes 35 faculty, 70 graduate students, 27 undergraduate entomology majors and 97 undergraduate applied biotechnology majors, with diverse interests from very applied to fundamental studies. We are a multi-campus environment with an excellent reputation in research, extension and teaching. The three campuses of the University of Georgia (Athens, Tifton and Griffin) are multidisciplinary, multi-agency facilities with access to well-equipped research farms throughout the state. Opportunities for collaboration within the UGA Commodity Teams and with colleagues in other departments and institutions are plentiful and encouraged. The UGA Department of Entomology is an internationally recognized department committed to interdisciplinary research, teaching and extension at local, regional, national and international levels. Our programs encompass basic and applied research on insects in diverse systems including agricultural/urban, medical/veterinary, aquatic and other ecosystems.

Application: Applicants should submit the following: a letter of application, detailed curriculum vitae (25-page limit), a one page statement of research philosophy, a one page statement of teaching philosophy, and a one page DEI statement of how you would foster diversity, equity and inclusion. Applicants should also arrange for three letters of reference that address his or her qualifications for the position. All application materials and letters of reference should be submitted electronically via UGAJobs at <https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/255422>. Complete applications received by June 9, 2022, will be assured of full consideration. Inquiries can be directed to Dr. David Buntin, Search Committee Chair, by email gbuntin@uga.edu.

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