

Assistant Agricultural Research Scientist II Position: Agricultural Entomologist

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station invites applications to fill an Assistant Scientist II position in the broad areas of agricultural and pollinator entomology. This is a state-funded (12-month hard salary) research position with a starting salary of \$85,905.00/year with no teaching responsibilities, competitive medical, dental, and pension benefits, and a great work-life balance. The primary appointment will be within the Department of Entomology. Successful candidates will be expected to establish and maintain an internationally recognized research program, form interdisciplinary collaborations with researchers at CAES and other institutions, seek external funding opportunities, and frequently communicate research findings through peer-reviewed high impact publications, scientific and stakeholder presentations.

All applicants must have a Ph.D. degree in entomology or a closely related discipline, demonstrated research productivity and a track record of scholarly publications in peer-reviewed journals. We are particularly seeking individuals who apply novel strategies to the complex challenge of managing pests of agricultural and horticultural crops while protecting pollinators and other beneficial arthropods. Preference will be given to those who can effectively integrate biology, genetics, physiology, or ecology of pests on systems relevant to Connecticut and the Northeastern U.S. Potential research topics include, but are not limited to, insect-plant interactions, integrated pest management, biological control, and pollinator health.

Candidates should submit the following electronically in a single PDF file: 1) a cover letter summarizing qualifications and briefly stating research interests; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) a statement of future research interests (3 pages max.); and 4) contact information for at least three professional references who can attest to the candidate's qualifications, along with a concise statement of the individual's relationship to the candidate. If desired, demonstration of non-peer-reviewed outputs (preprints, bulletins, recorded presentations, etc.) may be provided through active hyperlinks in the CV document. The application package should be sent to: Dr. Goudarz Molaei, Ph.D., Chief Scientist and Head, Department of Entomology, at Goudarz.Molaei@ct.gov. Applications should be received by July 29, 2022 for full consideration.

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