

POSITION: Assistant/Associate Professor of Urban and Structural Pest Entomology Extension, Mississippi State University

DEPARTMENT: Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology, and Plant Pathology (BCHEPP)

APPOINTMENT: 12-month, Tenure-Track, 100% Extension

The Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology, and Plant Pathology (BCHEPP) at Mississippi State University seeks to fill a tenure-track, Assistant Extension Professor position in extension entomology focused on management of urban and structural pests. The successful candidate will establish a multidisciplinary program dedicated to providing science-based information on integrated and sustainable pest management to a diverse state-wide clientele, including the pest management industry, state and federal regulators, and pesticide manufacturers and formulators, as well as the general public. The successful candidate will also develop an externally-funded research program that will inform their extension activities and synergize with existing departmental programs (https://www.biochemistry.msstate.edu/mission.php), such as Termite University. Collaboration with other researchers and Extension Service colleagues both on and off campus is expected. The incumbent will be encouraged to contribute to the department teaching mission via undergraduate and/or graduate mentoring or formal classroom teaching. The successful candidate is expected to be an interactive member of the faculty, as well as a contributor to relevant scientific/professional societies.

QUALIFICATIONS: A Ph.D. in entomology or a related field is required with demonstrated excellence in written and oral communication as well as strong interpersonal skills. Exceptional ABD candidates will be considered for this position, but preference will be given to applicants with extension or science communication experience beyond the PhD. Candidates with evidence of multidisciplinary collaborations, experience translating research results for the public, a record of leadership and service, and the ability to secure extramural funding will be given priority.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Applications must be submitted through the MSU employment portal at https://explore.msujobs.msstate.edu/en-us/job/504753/assistantassociate-professor. Completed applications will include: the Personal Data Information Form (available online) as well as a current curriculum vitae, statement of extension philosophy, copies of up to five relevant publications and contact information for at least three references. References will not be contacted before a candidate is invited to interview. Review of applications will begin on **November 6, 2022,** and will continue until the position is filled. Questions or requests for further information may be routed to the search committee chair, Dr. Jerome Goddard (jg54@msstate.edu).

Mississippi State University (www.msstate.edu) is a public, land-grant university whose mission is to provide access and opportunity to students from all sectors of the state's diverse population, as well as other states and countries, through excellence in teaching, research, and service. Candidates must be supportive of this mission and commit to Mississippi State University's core values of diversity, citizenship, leadership, and service. The Carnegie Foundation designates Mississippi State University as a

Doctoral/Extensive institution for the Advancement of Teaching, and The Chronicle of Higher Education has designated the university as a "Great College to Work For" www.chronicle.com/interactives/greatcolleges18).

Mississippi State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and veterans are encouraged to apply.