

Assistant Specialist (Continuing Track), IPM for Specialty Crops

The [Department of Entomology](#) in the College of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences at the University of Arizona is recruiting a continuing-track (equivalent to tenure-track) Assistant Specialist in IPM for Specialty Crops (extension 65%, research 25%, service 10%). This position will be a 12-month appointment, stationed at the Yuma Agricultural Center (YAC). YAC hosts several research and Extension programs including plant physiology; crop production; insect, disease, and weed management; soil and water management; food safety; and agricultural mechanization. These programs currently support the high-value leafy vegetable, melon, and specialty crop industries in the lower Colorado River region. YAC has state-of-the-art laboratory facilities and a 470-acre diversified research farm. YAC is located near Yuma, AZ, a city of 96,000 in southwestern Arizona bordering southern CA, northern Mexico, and two tribal nations. The region offers exceptional opportunities to experience a rural and urban, multi-cultural lifestyle. The community offers affordable housing; health, educational, and recreational facilities; and a modern international airport. More information is available at: <https://www.yumachamber.org>.

The successful candidate is expected to develop and deliver a top-quality, externally funded integrated program of applied research and Cooperative Extension that directly assists growers and pest control advisors in solving pest and pesticide-related problems in Arizona's specialty crops. Arizona is a leading producer of high-value specialty crops, ranking second nationally in production of leafy vegetables and cole crops, melons, lemons, and dates. The region is also a major producer of vegetable and forage seed crops. The new IPM programs developed by the candidate may focus on 1) organic vegetable production, 2) alfalfa, onion, Bermuda grass, and Brassica seed crop production, 3) citrus and medjool date production, and 4) vegetable transplant nursery production. More information on Arizona's specialty crops is available at: <https://www.yumafreshveg.com>.

Qualifications

A doctorate in Entomology or a related discipline is required and postdoctoral experience is desirable. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, a commitment to increasing diversity and inclusion, high potential to obtain extramural funding, a strong publication record and strong training and experience in entomological research. Candidates must support the mission of the land-grant university system.

The University of Arizona

The University of Arizona is a [Top 20](#) public research university. As a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution, we value our inclusive climate and recognize that diversity in experiences and perspectives is vital to advancing innovation, critical thinking, and solving complex problems. We encourage applications from diverse candidates, including members of groups that have been underrepresented in the sciences, people of color, women, veterans, and individuals with disabilities. The University of Arizona has been listed by Forbes as one of America's Best Employers in the United States and the Arizona Department of Health Services have recognized us for our innovative work-life programs. Tucson is culturally diverse, rich in natural beauty, and home to many recreational resources.

Outstanding UA benefits include health, dental, and vision insurance plans; life insurance and disability programs; UA/ASU/NAU tuition reduction for the employee and qualified family members; state and optional retirement plans; access to UA recreation and cultural activities; and more!

How to Apply

Applicant reviews will begin **July 31, 2023** and continue until the position is filled. Candidates should submit a cover letter stating their interest in the position and relevant qualifications, statements of research and teaching interests, statement of diversity and inclusion, Curriculum Vitae, up to three publications, and contact information for three references.

Additional details about this position can be found [here](#).

