



Academic Specialist, Teacher – Applied Entomology Department of Entomology, Michigan State University

Position description: The Department of Entomology at Michigan State University invites applications for a full-time, 12-month fixed-term Academic Specialist with a 95% teaching assignment and 5% research. The position start date is anticipated to be 1 July 2024. Funding is available for this position for up to three years with the expectation of renewal beyond this period based on program performance.

We seek an enthusiastic and dedicated educator to teach undergraduate courses in applied entomology, with a focus on plant pest biology and management. This position will work closely with teaching faculty within the Entomology Department, the Center for Integrative Studies in General Sciences (CISGS), and Institute of Agricultural Technology (IAT) to deliver courses offered to both science and non-science majors. Initial teaching expectations will include courses in Turf Entomology (ENT264, serving both IAT and 4-year students and taught during Fall Semesters), Integrated Pest Management (ENT478, taught during Spring Semesters), Organic Pest Management (ENT479, taught during Fall Semesters), and ISB201: Insects, Globalization, and Sustainability (within CISGS, taught during Fall Semesters). The successful candidate will also be encouraged to develop a hands-on field techniques course which could be offered during the summer. We are particularly interested in entomologists with a desire to engage with our growing team of faculty and students focused on the scholarship of teaching and learning who utilize insects in their formal and informal teaching activities.

Required qualifications: A Master's degree in Entomology or a related field. A demonstrated record of excellence in instruction relevant to the position. Strong commitment to increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the classroom and the broader academic community. Ability to effectively communicate entomological and biological concepts to non-science majors and early career college students.

Desired qualifications: A PhD degree in Entomology or a related field. Instructional experience in similar courses. Applied entomology research or extension experience or similar experience in agricultural industry. Interest or experience in scholarship of teaching and learning.

Apply at: <https://careers.msu.edu/en-us/job/516839/specialist-teacherfixed-term>

**For full consideration, apply by January 5, 2024 – Applications will be accepted
until the position is filled**

Target start date July 1, 2024

The **Department of Entomology** is vibrant, growing, and internationally-recognized. We are committed to interdisciplinary research, teaching and extension at local, regional, national and international levels. Programs within the department encompass basic and applied research on arthropods in diverse systems including agriculture, forestry, medical/veterinary, aquatic and a diversity of other ecosystems.

Direct questions regarding this position to Search Committee Chair: Hannah Burrack
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