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Research Associate Position

Aligning investments in Greening and Mosquito Management to Support Bee Health

Gardiner & Meuti Laboratories

Department of Entomology

The Ohio State University, Columbus Ohio

**Position description:** A USDA-funded Research Assistant position is available within the Gardiner and Meuti laboratories at The Ohio State University. The successful candidate will contribute to large research study examining the interactive impacts of greening and municipal mosquito management on vector control and bee health. As a Research Assistant, you will be given significant autonomy and will have the opportunity to lead field studies, work with community partners and mentor undergraduates. The successful applicant will assist with establishing stakeholder networks and securing field sites; purchase supplies; collect, and process data in the field and laboratory; enter data; and prepare materials for publications and Extension events. This is a 2-year position, starting in May 2024 with a competitive salary and full benefits.

A person smiling in front of a bush

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**Qualifications:** The successful candidate will have a BS in the biological sciences or a related discipline, and strong organizational, and leadership skills, and a valid driver’s license. A MS degree and previous field research experience is strongly preferred.

**Application materials and deadline:** Interested candidates are encouraged to find or email Mary ([gardiner.29@osu.edu](mailto:gardiner.29@osu.edu)) or Megan ([meuti.1@osu.edu](mailto:meuti.1@osu.edu)) to discuss the position in detail. Please [submit application materials to this link](https://osu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/OSUCareers/job/Columbus-Campus/Research-Associate_R98090-2) by ***March 31, 2024***.

**About Ohio State University**: OSU is one of the largest universities in the country and is unique in that it has a diverse suite of academic departments and several cross-cutting institutes (e.g., Sustainability Institute and the Infectious Diseases Institute) allowing for interdisciplinary collaboration. Additionally, the Entomology Department is small and collegial, allowing staff to be embedded in a close-knit and friendly community of like-minded researchers. The campus has outstanding libraries and gyms/recreational facilities.

**About Columbus**: Columbus, Ohio is the 16th largest city in the US. Residents of Columbus are friendly and welcoming to diverse populations, including immigrants and members of the LGBTQ+ community. There are several excellent restaurants, a great music scene, orchestras/theatres, museums, parks and a world-renowned zoo.