



BEE INFORMED PARTNERSHIP, INC.
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Technical-Transfer Team Honey Bee Health Field Specialist

Position Announcement

The Bee Informed Partnership (www.beeinformed.org) is seeking an additional **Technical Transfer Team Honey Bee Health Field Specialist** to work with commercial beekeepers in the Southern Midwest region. The Team member will serve beekeepers in the home state of Texas, and travel frequently to North and South Dakota, and California, following colony migration through the seasons. The salary range is \$45,000-52,000 (based on experience) per year and will include full medical and retirement benefits.

This position is based out of Texas A & M University. An applicant from outside of the region would be required to relocate to the area.

The position requires at least 3 years beekeeping experience, preferably in a commercial beekeeping setting. It entails intense fieldwork at times, extensive travel, close interaction with beekeepers and many other members of the Bee Informed Partnership (BIP) team. *These interactions require the applicant to be a good beekeeper, work well in a team environment, listen well, be non-judgmental, communicate effectively with team members, be self-starting, hardworking, organized and sensitive about privacy and security of all data collected.* The job also entails the following:

Field Work

- Be the primary contact between BIP and the commercial beekeepers to establish sampling goals, coordinate virus/pest/hygienic sampling and testing, present results, collect treatment and management data, and conduct operational reviews/surveys.
- Accurately, efficiently, and confidently, identify, diagnose, record, and report biotic and abiotic components of a honey bee colony through inspections and assessments
- Lift heavy honey supers to sample the broodnest during honey production
- Collect a wide range of samples from colonies to be tested for but not limited to the following: parasitic mites, Nosema, viruses, pesticides, reproductive potential and hygienic testing
- Work with and ship hazardous materials such as dry ice, liquid nitrogen, alcohol and live bees
- Have a clean driving record and be capable of safely operating a vehicle off road in a variety of ground conditions
- Travel is required, often to somewhat remote areas, occasionally with limited notice. On average, 5-8 trips are made each year with time spent away from home at or exceeding 100 days/year. Most of the trips involve considerable driving.
- At times, travel to assist other teams may be required. Not only does this help the hosting team, but it provides cross training across regions.

Lab and Administrative Work

- Work with BIP scientists to develop and conduct applied experiments, and industry trials.
- Keep and maintain beekeepers' records, manage information
- Manage BIP lab space at the home institution, including purchasing supplies
- Manage own travel plans including reservations, receipts, etc.
- Keep records and receipts of purchases such as gas, equipment, etc.
- Use in-field mobile applications for colony health assessment data entry. Be able to accurately locate yards based on GPS coordinates and record those locations.
- Responsible for the maintenance of the BIP field truck.
- Use of Google calendar is required for scheduling beekeeper visits, meetings, etc.

Communication

- Write a bimonthly BIP blog.
- Develop presentations, posters and other media for the promotion of BIP programs and project related goals. Present at local, regional and national meetings when required.
- Contribute to quarterly BIP newsletter.
- Help develop training manuals, beekeeper guides and other outreach material as needed.
- Attend bimonthly Tech Team video calls and other meetings when required.
- Attend twice yearly in-person meetings with the entire BIP team. One of these meetings is usually at the national conference in January and the other one is typically held in the summer.
- Keep abreast of and be able to communicate new developments in relevant topics (bee science, management, legislation, etc.)

General

- Willingness to adapt at a moment's notice, enjoy a thrilling fast paced atmosphere, and have a passion for bees

Do not hesitate to contact Anne Marie Fauvel, Tech Transfer Team Coordinator for the Bee Informed Partnership at: fauvelam@umd.edu for any inquiry regarding this position.

Application Instructions:

You may view this announcement by going to <https://agriflifeas.tamu.edu/hr/careers-employment/>. On this page "external applicant" instructions are on the left side while "internal applicant" instructions are on the right. If you are an "external applicant" click on the **Texas A&M AgriLife Research** link and search for **R-025690**. If you are interested in applying please follow the guidelines given (including the ability to attach a resume, etc.). **FYI – all individuals must apply via this on-line application process. We CANNOT accept walk-ins or applications/resumes via email. The application deadline is February 21, 2020.**