Title: Research Assistant I/II/III – Insect Pollinator Technician

Appointment status: Full-time

Term length: One year, with possibility of annual extensions depending on performance and funding

Salary range: $35,000 - $55,000 per year

Application deadline: Review of applications will begin on 19 October 2020; for full consideration, please submit your application by this deadline. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is identified.

Start date: 1 January 2020, but negotiable

Job Summary: The Auburn University Bee Lab is seeking a highly motivated individual to provide professional research and extension assistance on activities related to insect pollinators. Our primary focus is on native bees. This is a multi-year project; however, the contract is for one year with the possibility of annual extensions depending on performance of the successful candidate and availability of funding. Questions concerning the position should be directed to Dr. Geoff Williams (williams@auburn.edu); please include ‘Insect Pollinator Technician’ in the subject header.

Essential functions:

- Managing projects for research and extension purposes
- Organizing materials, equipment, activities, and events independently and with other lab members
- Conducting and assisting with field and laboratory experiments
- Mentoring students
- Communicating to stakeholders

Minimum requirements

Education level: Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution

Field of study: Entomology, Biology, or related natural or social sciences field
Areas of experience: Knowledge and experience concerning insect pollinators and their habitat (e.g., insect and plant identification), assisting with scientific experiments (e.g., data collection in the lab and field), and communicating to a diverse group of stakeholders, including students, scientists, landowners, and other agricultural producers (e.g., at workshops and field days).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSITION AND TO APPLY
PLEASE VISIT: https://www.auemployment.com/postings/19733

Only applications submitted via the Auburn University Human Resources page will be considered.

Required application documents:
1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Contact information for 3 references
4. Copies of post-secondary transcripts or other relevant qualifications

The University: Classified as a Carnegie R1 university, Auburn University is a public flagship land-grant institution with a student enrollment of more than 30,000. The University provides instruction in approximately 70 academic departments and performs graduate research and public service across a variety of program areas. The University is located in the city of Auburn in east-central Alabama, within 2 hours of the metropolitan areas of Birmingham, AL, and Atlanta, GA, as well as within 4 hours of scenic escapes like the southern Appalachians and the Gulf of Mexico. Auburn has been frequently included in U.S. News’ Best Places to Live in America, and it is Alabama’s fastest growing metropolitan area.

The Department: The Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology is administered by the University’s historic College of Agriculture. It houses over 20 faculty, 5 support staff, and more than 50 graduate students, all of whom work towards executing the University’s research, instruction, and extension missions. Additional information can be found at http://enpp.auburn.edu.

The Laboratory: The University’s Bee Lab, known as AU-BEES, currently consists of five graduate students supported by one faculty member, one laboratory manager, one technician (focused on honey bees), and multiple undergraduate students and local stakeholders. Alongside our collaborators from across the globe, the AU-BEES team works toward promoting the health of bees and other pollinating insects through various research, instruction, and extension activities. Additional information can be found at http://aub.ie/bees.