

Position X2037 Assistant/Associate Professor, Field Crop Entomologist

The University of Tennessee Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology invites applications for a full-time, 12 month, tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant/Associate Professor.

Location: West Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center, Jackson, Tennessee

Effective Date: Screening of applicant's credentials will begin on December 1, 2020.

Job Responsibilities: 70% Extension/30% Research

Minimum Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in entomology with broad knowledge in field crop arthropods.
- Demonstrated skills in written and oral communication, data management and technical writing
- Ability and willingness to meet demanding travel requirements
- Demonstrated ability to work with people from diverse clientele regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or veteran status.

Ideal candidates should demonstrate ability to:

- Develop a robust educational program for stakeholder groups that includes traditional and web-based training efforts
- Perform applied, field-level research
- Effectively communicate with stakeholder groups and the scientific community through presentations and publications
- Diagnosis and management of arthropod problems of field crops
- Work in a multidisciplinary, collaborative team environment

Responsibilities include:

- Delivery a comprehensive and dynamic extension program in IPM related to the common field crops grown in Tennessee (cotton, soybean, corn and wheat).
- An applied research program that promotes best management practices for arthropods pests.
- Development of strong program that supports the training of county agents, crop consultants, other stakeholder groups, and graduate students.
- Serving as major advisor to graduate student.
- Apply for and receive extramural funding (grants, contracts, gifts and fees) to support extension programming, applied research and support graduate students

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- Publication of peer reviewed publications (Extension publications, abstracts and journal articles).
- Provide assistance with 4-H entomology project activities.
- Provide timely and accurate information in response to public requests.
- Establish and/or maintain cooperative efforts with Extension specialists at other institutions, regionally and nationally.
- Participate in service activities at the department, institute, university level, and professional societies and organizations.

About the department: The [Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology](#) provides leadership in the generation and dissemination of knowledge on insects, related arthropods, and plant and animal diseases that affect the quality of life of all Tennesseans. Our Department is the only academic unit in Tennessee with the mission and responsibility to provide basic and applied information on questions of plant diseases and insect related problems affecting plants, animals, and humans. Successful fulfillment of the mission requires a diverse complement of disciplinary expertise working in a highly integrated environment of teaching, research, Extension, and outreach. Departmental programs focus primarily on solving problems within Tennessee, yet draw on information generated worldwide and, in turn, provide information that is useful throughout the world. Our department strives to provide innovative, inclusive, high quality graduate education in the fields of entomology, plant pathology, and bioinformatics.

[UT Extension](#) works with farmers, families, youth and communities to improve lives by addressing problems and issues at the local, state and national levels. We work closely with members of our local community to discover, educate, and support a variety of initiatives that benefit agriculture, homes and other structures, and the environment. Our specialists closely collaborate with ecologists, toxicologists, soil scientists, plant geneticists, horticulturists, agronomists, veterinarians, health and pest management professionals, Extension personnel, and non-governmental and governmental organizational representatives. Our specialists use their expertise in alternative methods of insect and disease management to help meet the need for healthy homes, landscapes and healthful food production without or with reduced use of pesticides.

The ultimate goal of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is to excel in fulfilling the land-grant mission that sets it apart from other institutions within Tennessee and across the nation. The mission of [UT AgResearch](#) is to advance science in agriculture and food systems, natural resource management, and family and community sciences. A goal of UTIA AgResearch is to use resources effectively to deliver service for the public good through solutions to problems facing agricultural producers and businesses, natural resource managers and industries, and the public. This is accomplished through knowledge discovery, innovation of

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these discoveries into new products and processes, and application of these innovations to enhance the lives of citizens of Tennessee and the world.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Benefits: Benefits available include group medical and life insurance, state employee's retirement or TIAA/CREF, worker's compensation, study, sick and annual leave, paid holidays and administrative leave days, unemployment compensation, educational waivers, and use of numerous University Services.

TO APPLY: Review of applications will commence December 1, 2020 and continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Applicants should submit a single PDF document including a letter of application, Extension and research philosophies, statements describing translational research interests and experience working with diverse stakeholder groups, official transcripts, contact information for at least three individuals willing to serve as references, and a detailed curriculum vitae highlighting education, relevant experience, qualifications, grant and contract activities, and publications. Please send the application document to: Ms. Tonya Jelf, Dept of Entomology and Plant Pathology, tjelf@utk.edu

Inquiries regarding the position may be directed to the chair of the search committee, Dr. Alan Windham, by email, awindha1@utk.edu

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