

Assistant Professor of Insect Biology
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Job Title	Assistant Professor of Insect Biology
Department	Entomology and Nematology
Institution	University of California Davis Davis, California
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Application Deadline	08/04/2025
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Assistant Professor
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Job Description



The Department of Entomology and Nematology in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California, Davis is recruiting an Assistant Professor of Insect Biology. This is an academic year (9-month), tenure track Assistant Professor position that includes an appointment in the California Agricultural Experiment Station (AES). Faculty members who hold an Agricultural Experiment Station appointment have a responsibility to conduct research and outreach relevant to the mission of the California Agricultural Experiment Station. Participation in outreach programs and performance of university service are also expected.

The appointee is expected to establish a competitively funded research program in insect biosciences to address critical or emerging issues in any aspect of insect biology. We define insect biology in the broadest sense. Thus, the successful candidate could conduct research in many areas, including but not limited to any of the following: insect systematics; insect physiology and development; insect

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behavior; insect neurobiology or neuroethology; insect molecular biology and biochemistry; insect vectors of plant and animal diseases including human diseases; population and/or community ecology of insects; response of insect communities to changing climate or land use; chemical ecology of insect-plant interactions; interactions of insects with beneficial and pathogenic microbes; invasion biology of insects; insect management through host plant resistance, cultural practices, biological control, chemical control, or genetic engineering; insect sampling and diagnostics; evolution of insect resistance to control measures.

The appointee will be responsible for courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels, potentially contributing to ENT10 Natural History of Insects (3 units), ENT100 General Entomology (4 units) and ENT100L (2 units), ENT101 Functional Insect Morphology (3 units), and participatory graduate seminars (e.g., ENT293N Insect Genomics and Biotechnology, ENT295N Advanced Biological Control). The appointee is expected to teach formal courses in two academic quarters each year and participate in curricular development for the Entomology and Animal Biology Majors. The appointee will mentor graduate students and contribute to undergraduate advising. Participation in and development of public outreach and/or community engagement programs, and performance of departmental and university service is expected. This position is expected to collaborate with Cooperative Extension specialists and advisors, partners in allied industries or other appropriate public stakeholders.

This recruitment is conducted at the assistant rank. The resulting hire will be at the assistant rank, regardless of the proposed appointee's qualifications.

Initial review of applications will be conducted using anonymized versions of the Statement of Research Accomplishments and Interests and the Statement of Contributions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Applications demonstrating sufficient potential based on this review will be advanced to full review.

The University of California is committed to creating and maintaining a community dedicated to the advancement, application, and transmission of knowledge and creative endeavors through academic excellence, where all individuals who participate in university programs and activities can work and learn together in a safe and secure environment, free of violence, harassment, discrimination, exploitation, or intimidation. With this commitment, UC Davis conducts a reference check on all first-choice candidates for Academic Senate Assistant Professor or Lecturer with Potential for Security of Employment, Steps 4, 5, or 6, or Acting Professor of Law positions. The reference check involves contacting the administration of the applicant's previous institution(s) to ask whether there have been substantiated findings of misconduct that would violate the University's Faculty Code of Conduct. To implement this process, UC Davis requires all applicants for any open search for assistant professor to

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complete, sign, and upload the form entitled "Authorization to Release Information" into UC RECRUIT as part of their application. If an applicant does not include the signed authorization with the application materials, the application will be considered incomplete, and as with any incomplete application, will not receive further consideration. Although all applicants for faculty recruitments must complete the entire application, only finalists considered for Academic Senate Assistant Professor or Lecturer with Potential for Security of Employment, Steps 4, 5, or 6, or Acting Professor of Law positions will be subject to reference checks.

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