

Assistant Specialist in the field in Biocontrol of Shot-hole Borers

The Department of Entomology at the University of California invites applicants for a full-time Assistant Specialist in Entomology to conduct applied research for the Stouthamer Lab. The final candidate will be involved with projects specific to the shot hole borers of the *E. fornicatus* complex have caused substantial damage to trees in Southern California. The overall goal of the research is to find natural enemies that will control the populations of the shot hole borers. With this goal in mind we are studying the natural enemy complex of the shot hole borers in their native range (Taiwan) as well as in California. The life history of these natural enemies is thus far unknown and will be studied both in the lab and in the field. The proposed research consists of setting up experiments to determine the effectiveness of the different species of parasitoids in controlling the beetles, and determining the frequencies of native natural enemies in the field in Southern California. In addition, identification of fungal samples from field-collected beetles will also be part of the research.

The required qualification at time of application for this position is a BSc in Entomology, Environmental Studies or a related field.

Preferred qualifications for this position are publications in progress or printed.

Additional qualifications at time of hire for this position include: Experience in fungal symbionts, experience with shot hole borers of the *E. fornicatus* complex, experience as a plant pathologist across the UC campuses.

Advancement through the Specialist ranks at the University of California is through a series of structured, merit-based evaluations, occurring every 2-3 years, each of which includes substantial peer input.

To apply: Submit C.V., Statement of Past and/or Planned Future Contributions to Advancing Diversity and Inclusive Excellence, and contact information for three references to <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF01533>. Review of applications will commence on April 14, 2022, and proceed until position is filled. For full consideration, applicants should submit their complete applications prior to the above date.

For more information about this position, please contact Richard Stouthamer, Chair of the Search Committee, Department of Entomology, at richard.stouthamer@ucr.edu. For questions on application procedures and requirements, please Ms. Lauren Romestant, Academic Personnel, at lauren.romestant@ucr.edu.

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As a condition of employment, you will be required to comply with the University of California SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program Policy. All Covered Individuals under the policy must provide proof of Full Vaccination or, if applicable, submit a request for Exception (based on Medical Exemption, Disability, and/or Religious Objection) or Deferral (based on pregnancy) no later than the applicable deadline. New University of California employees must (a) provide proof of receiving at least one dose of a COVID-19 Vaccine no later than 14 calendar days after their first date of employment and provide proof of Full Vaccination no later than eight weeks after their first date of employment; or (b) if applicable, submit a request for Exception or Deferral no later than 14 calendar days after their first date of employment. Federal, state, or local public health directives may impose additional requirements.

