

Assistant Project Scientists in Entomology

The Department of Entomology at the University of California invites applicants for 1 Assistant Project Scientist in Entomology to conduct applied research for the Dr. Paul Rugman-Jones Lab in Riverside, CA and 1 Assistant Project Scientist in Entomology in Taiwan. These positions have an anticipated start date of as soon as possible.

Riverside Position

The purpose of the Riverside position is to conduct experimental evaluations to support the development of the sterile insect technique (SIT) for control of the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), *Diaphorina citri*, and its use as part of an overall area-wide control strategy. This is a term limited position with the option to renew, pending funding. The incumbent will be encouraged to participate in the development of promising projects for continued funding.

Required qualifications for this position that must be met by the **date of application** include:

- Ph.D. in Entomology or a closely related field.
- Successful candidate must be comfortable working independently in laboratory and agricultural field environments.

Preferred qualifications for this position include:

- History of working with sterile insect techniques and the mass-rearing of insects.
- Experience conducting IPM, ecological or agricultural field research specifically in trial design, data collection and statistical analysis.

Additional qualifications for this position that must be met by the **date of hire** include:

- Must have or be able to acquire CA driver's license.

Taiwan Position

The purpose of the Taiwan position conduct research on a complex of shothole borer species (*Euwallacea fornicatus*) and their parasitoids, with the ultimate goal of establishing a method to mass rear the parasitoids, in order that the suitability of the parasitoids as potential biological control agents may subsequently be assessed. The incumbent will be located in Taiwan, working in cooperation with Dr. Lan-Yu Liu at National Pingtung University (NPTU). This is a term limited position with the option to renew, pending funding. The incumbent will be encouraged to participate in the development of promising projects for continued funding.

Required qualifications for this position that must be met by the **date of application** include:

- Ph.D. in Entomology or a closely related field.
- Successful candidates are expected to conduct laboratory and field research, to communicate effectively both in Chinese and English, and to work independently.

Preferred qualifications for this position include:

- Minimum one year of experience conducting field surveys to locate, collect, and identify natural enemies and their ambrosia beetle hosts.
- Experience of preparing infested host plant material for shipping to the United States, in accordance with a USDA import permit.

Additional qualifications for this position that must be met by the **date of hire** include:

- A Taiwanese driver's license is required for travel within Taiwan.

Advancement through the Project Scientist ranks at the University of California is through a series of structured, merit-based evaluations, occurring every 2-3 years.

To apply: submit the following to <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF01673>:

1. Cover Letter
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Names and contact information for three references
4. Statement of Past and/or Planned Future Contributions to Advancing Diversity and Inclusive Excellence

Review of applications will commence on February 11, 2023, 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 Paul Rugman-Jones, Chair of the Search Committee, Department of Entomology, at paulrj@ucr.edu. For questions on application procedures and requirements, please contact Mr. Joshua Gutierrez, Academic Personnel, at joshua.gutierrez@ucr.edu.

UCR is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. Its mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first-generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

University of California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Policy: 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. Please refer to Appendix F, Section II.C. of the policy for the deadlines applicable to new University of California employees. (Capitalized terms in this

paragraph are defined in the policy.) Federal, state, or local public health directives may impose additional requirements.