

Assistant Professor of Extension - Integrated Pest Management of Subtropical Fruit Crops

The Department of Entomology at the University of California, Riverside invites applications for an Assistant Professor of Extension (Assistant Specialist in Cooperative Extension) in the area of integrated management of invasive and endemic arthropods attacking citrus, avocado, and other subtropical fruit crops. This is a fiscal year position available January 1, 2023 with an 80% Cooperative Extension/20% Organized Research appointment in the Agricultural Experiment Station (<http://cnas.ucr.edu/about/aes/>). The position will be housed at the University of California Riverside campus in Riverside, CA. The successful candidate will develop an internationally recognized, extramurally funded basic and applied research program on the management of arthropod pests and vectors of plant pathogens in citrus, avocado, and other subtropical fruits. Cooperative extension (CE) responsibilities include the development and implementation of educational programs on pest management in subtropical fruit crops, which may include extension publications, newsletters, web pages, blogs, field days, participation in CE Advisor meetings, organizing workshops, and contributing to the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) workgroups and teams. The candidate's work will be aligned with the Endemic and Invasive Pests and Diseases Strategic Initiative within UC ANR, and include collaboration with other cooperative extension academics and engagement with relevant commodity boards.

Required qualifications that must be met at the time of application for this position include: a Ph.D. in Entomology, Biology, Pest Management, Applied Ecology, or a related discipline; postdoctoral experience is preferred. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills are essential.

Advancement through the Specialist in Cooperative Extension 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. UC ANR is the statewide division of the University of California that administers CE and serves as the bridge between local needs and the application of UC Research.

To apply: Submit following to <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF01605>

- Cover Letter – Short cover letter describing background and interests.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Extension Interests and Philosophy (2 page maximum)
- Statement of Research/Scholarly Activities (2 page maximum)
- Statement of Past and/or Planned Future Contributions to Advancing Diversity and Inclusive Excellence – Applicants should summarize their past and/or potential future contributions to promoting a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment, which can be reflected through research, teaching, supervision, mentoring, community engagement, service, and any of the other varied activities that are a part of an academic career (2 page maximum).
- Letters of Reference (3).

Review of applications will begin October 28, 2022 but the position will remain open until filled.

For more information about this position, contact Dr. Matt Daugherty, Chair of the Search Committee, at matt.daugherty@ucr.edu. For questions on application procedures and requirements, please contact Mrs. Kendall Dunmore-Balderrama, Academic Personnel, at kendall.dunmore@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.