

General Description of Position:

The Department of Entomology at Kansas State University invites applications for an Assistant Professor (12-month, Tenure Track) position in **Agroecosystem Landscape Ecology**.

Anticipated start date is **January 1**, **2018**, but negotiable.

Information about the Department:

The Department of Entomology maintains excellent research facilities with state-of-the-art equipment and a research insect collection. It was recently ranked the 4th best Department of Entomology in the world by the Center for World University Rankings; these rankings are based on the number and quality of professional publications produced by the department and quality of faculty research. In the most recent rankings of PhD programs in US Departments of Entomology, we were ranked 8th nationally for overall quality by the National Research Council (http://www.phds.org/rankings/entomology).

Our mission is to: 1) provide entomological knowledge for a safe, sustainable, and competitive food, feed, and fiber system through integrated research and education; 2) maintain a stakeholder/clientele-driven focus to research, extension, and teaching activities; 3) generate fundamental information for the advancement of science and for applied uses; 4) train students for professions in education, government, business and industry; and 5) disseminate useful, unbiased information.

Diversity and Inclusion:

Kansas State University embraces diversity and promotes inclusion in every sector of the institution. The university established the Office of Diversity, led by the associate vice president for diversity and a dedicated staff. Additionally, each college has a designated Diversity Point Person to provide insight and guidance. Kansas State University received the prestigious Higher Education Excellence in Diversity, or HEED, award from Insight Into Diversity magazine for the past three years. Multicultural students account for 15 percent of our student population, a university record, and continue to trend higher.

Job Description:

The incumbent will develop a strong research program in agroecosystem landscape ecology emphasizing pest and/or beneficial arthropods in field crop systems and surrounding habitats. Possible research approaches and tools include, but are not limited to, geolocation techniques, population dynamics, dispersal/migratory behavior, mathematical and statistical modeling, or molecular techniques.

Collaborate in research with faculty on and off campus in departments of Entomology, Plant Pathology, Agronomy, Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Division of Biology, Statistics or in the USDA Center for Grain and Animal Health Research. Procure extramural grant funding to support research efforts. Teach one undergraduate course per year and one graduate-level insect ecology course every other year with the potential for new course(s) in a defined area of interest. Supervise and co-advise graduate students and serve on graduate student committees. Mentoring of undergraduate student research projects is also encouraged. Provide guest lectures, as needed, in courses or programs within and outside the Department. Participate in various departmental, college, university, and professional society committees. Occasional participation in departmental outreach activities is expected.

Required Minimum Qualifications:

Ph.D. and significant course work in insect ecology with a strong research emphasis in the field, as measured by professional publications. Successful candidate will have demonstrated an ability to conduct ecological research at a landscape level, acquire funding to support his/her research, and publish in peer-reviewed journals. In addition to excellence in research, the incumbent is expected to have demonstrable skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relations, and procurement of extramural funding.

Preferred Qualifications:

Postdoctoral experience in landscape ecology. Demonstrated ability to develop strong extramurally funded research program in landscape ecology with a focus on agroecosystems.

Special Instructions to Applicants:	Submit to http://careers.k-state.edu/cw/en-us/job: 1) Curriculum vita 2) Research program summary and future goals 3) Reprints of up to 5 relevant, peer-reviewed publications 4) Statement of teaching philosophy 5) Brief statement on diversity 6) Names and contact information for at least three references.
Screening of Applications Begins:	Screening of applications begins July 1, 2017 until the position is filled. For best consideration please apply by this date.
Salary Range / Pay Rate:	Commensurate with academic training and experience. Standard university benefits apply.
Equal Employment Opportunity:	Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer of individuals with disabilities and protected veterans and actively seeks diversity among its employees. Equal Employment Opportunity is the Law.
Background Screening Statement:	In connection with your application for employment, Kansas State University may procure a Background Screen on you as part of the process of considering your candidacy as an employee.

