The Kansas State University Department of Entomology is internationally recognized for its excellence in research, teaching and extension. Located in Manhattan, KS, the department has 15 on-campus faculty members, and 2 off-campus faculty members located at field stations in Garden City and Hays, KS. Approximately 30 adjunct and ancillary faculty members from campus departments such as Biochemistry, Horticulture, Grain Science and Industry, the Division of Biology, and the USDA broaden the expertise and research base of the department.

The department received $2.3 million in extramural support in FY2011 from agencies such as NIH, NSF, EPA, USAID, USDA-CSREES programs such as RAMP, NRI, and PMAP, plus industry and commodity commissions. Faculty participate in 7 funded multistate projects plus cross-disciplinary programs housed in areas such as the Arthropod Genomics Center, the Ecological Genomics Institute, and the Center for Vector Biology. The 2011 National Research Council report, “A Data-Based Assessment of Research-Doctorate Programs in the United States”, ranked the department as #5 at the 5th percentile for the “R” ranking and #5 at the 5th percentile for the “S” ranking (R ranking = 17 at the 95th percentile and S ranking = 12 at the 95th percentile).

Thirteen Ph.D. students and 10 M.S. students conduct research, along with 6 postdocs, 7 full-time research assistants and 8 part-time research assistants. The department also offers an undergraduate minor option.

Manhattan, KS, is located 120 miles west of Kansas City in the heart of northeast Kansas' scenic Flint Hills. The city has a population of 52,836 people and serves a three-county, 200,000-population regional area as a leader in education, trade, health care, entertainment, outdoor activities, and culture. In 2011, Forbes Magazine rated Manhattan #1 for "Best Small Communities for a Business and Career”. Manhattan also recently was noted as one of the “Top 10 Places to Retire” by Money Magazine, and CNN Money rated Manhattan as one of the 10 best places in America to retire young.