

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT #00014123
REQUISITION #44425**

Title: Assistant Professor (Entomology)

Location: Indian River Research and Education Center
University of Florida
Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)
Ft. Pierce, Florida

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience

Review Date: To ensure full consideration, please apply online and submit additional materials by May 16, 2019. Position will remain open until a viable applicant pool is determined.

Duties and Responsibilities

This is a 12-month, tenure-accruing position with 80% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 20% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences) responsibilities located at the University of Florida's Indian River Research and Education Center (IRREC) in Fort Pierce, Florida. The appointee will accrue tenure in the Entomology and Nematology Department. The appointee will lead a program in biological control of invasive insects and mites at IRREC's Hayslip Biological Control Research and Containment Laboratory, a USDA-certified facility which includes both quarantine and non-quarantine laboratories, greenhouses, and office space. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an independent, nationally and internationally recognized program in biological control of invasive insects and mites affecting agricultural and natural areas in Florida. The appointee will develop a strong extramurally funded research program that leads to publication of results in peer-reviewed journals. The appointee will also develop a scholarly teaching program that develops and teaches innovative courses on biological control and tropical entomology that contribute to the academic needs of the Entomology and Nematology Department and have measurable impacts on student learning. Course instruction will use modern online delivery techniques that meet the UF Markers of Excellence for Teaching Online and Blended Courses. The successful candidate will participate in graduate education by chairing and serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, and publishing research results with students.

Because of the IFAS land-grant mission, all faculty are expected to be supportive of and engaged in all three mission areas—Research, Teaching, and Extension—regardless of the assignment split specified in the position description.

Qualifications

Required:

This position requires a Ph.D. (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Entomology, Zoology, or a closely related field. The candidate is expected to be well versed and have published in the field of biological control of insects and mites, insect biology, and ecology. Candidates should have demonstrated skills in verbal and written communication, interpersonal relationships, and procurement of extramural funding. Candidates must be supportive of the mission of the Land-Grant system. Candidates must also have a commitment to IFAS core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

Preferred:

Postdoctoral and teaching college-level course instruction experience is preferred. Expertise in biological control of invasive insects and mites, foreign exploration, and insect rearing is highly desirable.

Background Information:

The Indian River Research and Education Center is a unit of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida, and is located on a 700-acre site west of Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County. Fort Pierce is located on the east coast of Florida, 50 miles north of West Palm Beach. The internationally recognized research center is located in a major agricultural region in which nurseries, citrus, beef cattle, and vegetables are major industries. Presently, there are approximately 240,000 acres of citrus produced in the six-county Indian River region. The IRREC is an interdisciplinary unit of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, the Florida Extension Service, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, all of which are administered by IFAS to serve the land-grant mission.

The University of Florida (<http://www.ufl.edu>) is a Land-Grant, Sea-Grant, and Space-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 54,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (<http://ifas.ufl.edu>) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (<http://cals.ufl.edu>), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (<http://research.ifas.ufl.edu>), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service (<http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu>), the College of Veterinary Medicine (<http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu>), the Florida Sea Grant program (<http://www.flseagrant.org/>), and encompasses 16 on-campus academic departments and schools, 12 Research and Educational Centers (REC) located throughout the state, 6 Research sites/demonstration units administered by RECs or academic departments, and Florida Cooperative Extension Service offices in all 67 counties (counties operate and maintain). The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 2500 people, which includes approximately 900 faculty and 1200 support personnel located in Gainesville and throughout the state. IFAS, one of the nation's largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Senior Vice President and four deans: the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, the Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

Employment Conditions

This position is available September 1, 2019 and will be filled as soon thereafter as an acceptable applicant is selected and available. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

Application Information

Individuals wishing to apply should go online to <http://apply.interfolio.com/60951> and submit:

- Cover letter that describes the applicant's interest in the position, qualifications relative to the credentials listed above, and teaching and research philosophies
- Curriculum vitae
- Unofficial transcript showing receipt of the doctoral degree
- Contact information (including email addresses) for 3 individuals willing to write letters of recommendation

Please refer to Position # 00014123

Dr. Carey Minter
Chair, Search and Screen Committee
Indian River Research and Education Center
2199 South Rock Road
Ft. Pierce, FL 34945-3138
Phone: 772-577-7379
Fax: 772-468-5668
c.minterkillian@ufl.edu

Selected candidate will be required to provide an official transcript to the hiring department upon hire. A transcript will not be considered "official" if a designation of "Issued to Student" is visible. Degrees earned from an education institution outside of the United States are required to be evaluated by a professional credentialing service provider approved by [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#).

If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call 352-392-2477 or the Florida Relay System at 800-955-8771 (TDD). Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the US. Searches are conducted in accordance with Florida's Sunshine Law.

The [University of Florida](#) is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The [Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences](#) is committed to creating an environment that affirms diversity across a variety of dimensions, including ability, class, ethnicity/race, gender identity and expression. We particularly welcome applicants who can contribute to such an environment through their scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and professional service. The University and greater Gainesville community enjoy a diversity of cultural events, restaurants, year-round outdoor recreational activities, and social opportunities.