

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Assistant Professor, Extension Entomology at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Weslaco, Texas. Appointment is 100% AgriLife Extension, 12-mo., base funded position.

General Duties and Responsibilities: Lead the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service educational, and applied research efforts on integrated pest management (IPM) of field, vegetable and fruit crops in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Provide county program support in all areas of entomology. The incumbent will work in a collegial manner with coworkers (in extension, research, other colleges, seed/chemical industry, USDA and others) in interdisciplinary teams to educate stakeholders about plant, animal and human pests. The incumbent will work with Extension Agents-IPM and Extension Specialists to plan, conduct, and evaluate educational programs on pest biology and management. The Extension Entomologist will serve clientele through applied research, information delivery, and development and use of appropriate training/teaching materials. Incumbent is expected to become a leader in crop protection IPM in South Texas and assist colleagues in other parts of Texas and the region when appropriate. Support of the mission of the Department of Entomology is expected including, but not limited to, securing extramural funding, scholarly publication, participation in graduate education, mentoring undergraduate interns, and actively participating in professional societies. As opportunities arise, the incumbent should form partnerships to address stakeholder needs with on-campus faculty.

Administrative Relationships: The incumbent will be a faculty member with the Texas A&M University Department of Entomology, supervised by the Associate Department Head for Extension Entomology and the Entomology Department Head. The Extension Entomologist will be located at the Weslaco Research and Extension Center. The individual is to be responsive to the needs of the region as communicated by the Center Director and it is expected that the Extension Entomologist will collaborate with faculty, staff, students, clientele groups, and administrators at the Research and Extension Center and to work with the District Extension Administrators, Regional Program Directors, County Extension Agents-Ag/Natural Resources, and Extension Agents-IPM in planning, conducting and evaluating educational and applied research programs for the region.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in entomology or closely related field is required. Quantifiable knowledge and experience in the planning, design, implementation and evaluation of field experiments and educational programming related to pest management tactics is essential. Candidate must have demonstrated an ability to work closely with agricultural producers and diverse audiences, to communicate effectively (both oral and written), and to function effectively as a team member or leader.

Facilities: The Weslaco Center has 7 faculty and the neighboring Texas A&M Kingsville Citrus Center adds 5 more faculty providing an excellent opportunity for broad-based interdisciplinary collaboration. Research facilities at the Research and Extension Center include 360 acres of experiment station land, and greenhouses with on-site management. The laboratory space, equipment and other resources of the Texas AgriLife Center are available and assigned by the Center Director.

Closing Date: January 1, 2019 (or until a suitable candidate is identified). **Position Available:** November 5, 2018

Application Process: Contact Peggy Lundstrom (p-lundstrom@tamu.edu) for application instructions. An online application is required including current CV, copies of transcripts, up to four publication reprints, names of three references whom we may contact for letters of recommendation and any individuals on a "do not contact" list. Please provide a complete mailing address, e-mail and phone number, along with a brief statement of how each reference knows

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the candidate. Visit <https://entomology.tamu.edu> for more information about the department. Please contact either Dr. Charles Allen at ctallen@ag.tamu.edu or Dr. David Kerns dlkerns@tamu.edu for more information about the position.