POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Assistant Professor
(Extension Entomology – Arthropod Pests of Urban and Peri-urban Environments)

Work Location: Department of Entomology, LSU AgCenter campus and LSU College of Agriculture, Baton Rouge, LA.

Academic Rank: Assistant Professor (anticipated), twelve-month, tenure-track appointment, extension/outreach (80%) and teaching (20%) responsibilities.

Position Description: The successful candidate will fill a critical role in meeting needs in extension programming in the LSU Department of Entomology. Candidates with a broad range of scholarly interests will be considered, but extension needs center around arthropod pests in urban and peri-urban environments. Candidates with experience and interest in integrated management of horticultural, ornamental, or nursery pests, pests of urban fruit and vegetable gardens, or household pests would be suitable for this position. Additional duties will include coordinating communication and collaboration with extension and 4H agents across Louisiana related to peri-urban entomology, coordinating departmental outreach events, and producing extension publications and social media content. In addition, the successful applicant will teach a course in horticultural/ornamental entomology along with another course in his/her area of expertise. Collaboration with research and extension faculty within Louisiana, as well as with national experts on issues of shared interest and importance, will be expected. Formal participation in multi-disciplinary, regional, and national research initiatives will be required.

Qualification Requirements: Ph.D. in Entomology or other closely related field of study with experience in extension and outreach activities. Applicants should have demonstrated effective oral, written and electronic communication skills. Evidence of successful grantsmanship, applied research activity, and stakeholder interaction will be important for considerations.

Salary and Benefits: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2021 or until suitable candidate is located.

Date Available: Upon completion of interview process.
Application Procedure: Must apply online at https://lsu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/LSU (or through Workday for internal applicants) by attaching cover letter along with your most current CV. In addition, please include the following documents (1) statement of extension interests, goals, and experience, (2) statement of teaching philosophy and interests, (3) contact information for 3 references, and (4) university transcripts. Questions regarding the position or the application process can be directed towards the chair of the search committee below.

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