Graduate Research Assistantship: Ph.D. in Entomology
Agroecosystems Entomology Lab
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, North Platte, Nebraska

One to two motivated Ph.D. student(s) are sought to join the Agroecosystems Entomology Lab at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Students will be able to focus on projects that address the impact of agricultural conservation practices (e.g., cover crops, non-crop habitat) on arthropod biodiversity and biological control of field crop pests. There will be the opportunity to gain experience in field and lab techniques, as well as extension, communicating directly with farmers, crop consultants, and other stakeholders. The student will complete coursework during fall and spring academic semesters in Lincoln, Nebraska and summer field work and research at the West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte, Nebraska.

Qualifications: Strong candidates should possess an MS in Entomology, Biology, Agronomy, or a related field and the desire to pursue research questions with both ecological and applied outcomes. Candidates with related research experience, demonstrated written and oral communication skills, analytical skills, and strong academic credentials are preferred. Ability to complete all admission requirements of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Studies is required. Refer to http://entomology.unl.edu/grad/index.shtml for application and degree requirement details.

Starting Date: A May/June 2021 start date is preferred, but with the understanding that August 2021 may be a more practical start date, we can discuss options.

Stipend: Minimum $24,000 per year, plus tuition and partial health insurance. Housing assistance will be provided for time spent in North Platte.

Our Commitment: We strive to the UNL Core Values and Beliefs, particularly in the areas of promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. We want “each individual be able to work and learn in an atmosphere of respect, dignity, and acceptance” within our lab. We share the Vision & Mission of the UNL Department of Entomology, including a healthy balance between work/study and other aspects of life, including paid parental leave for graduate students.

If interested, please send an email to Julie Peterson (julie.peterson@unl.edu) with:
1) A brief description of your research and career interests and how they relate to the position
2) Your Curriculum Vitae
3) Contact information for 2 references

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Applications will be reviewed immediately, but those sent by March 1, 2021 will receive full consideration.

Contact Dr. Julie A. Peterson (julie.peterson@unl.edu) with questions about the position.