Assistant Professor of Applied Systems Ecology (Tenure-Track)

The Department of Entomology at Penn State invites applications in Applied Systems Ecology for a Tenure Track Faculty position with a research and extension focus on emphasizing precision pest ecology in vegetable systems. This position will develop predictive approaches to sustainable pest management integrating climate change, water quality, ecosystem services, pests and agronomic management. This position will depend heavily on data-driven techniques and approaches that integrate field, climate/weather and landscape data toward the development of precision pest management. This is a 9-month, Tenure Track, 70% Research, 30% Extension position.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful applicant will conduct empirical and/or theoretical research focused on the ecology of insects and their interactions with vegetable systems. We encourage candidates using the application of modern geospatial techniques from field- to landscape scales, population or community ecology, conservation, behavioral ecology, or chemical ecology. Extension programming is expected to provide relevant information for the vegetable/specialty crops industry using both basic and applied research and will be delivered to respective constituents and clientele including farmers, independent consultants, and county extension educators.

The successful applicant will establish a strong externally funded research program, conduct independent high-quality research, publish in leading scholarly journals, and mentor graduate students. Extension responsibilities include focus on serving the vegetable and specialty crop industries.

The ability to engage a diverse population of faculty, staff, and students at the Departmental, College, and University levels is an important aspect of this academic appointment.

QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. in entomology, ecology, or related life sciences with demonstrated accomplishments in ecological research. The successful candidate must have completed all degree requirements by the appointment date.

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. An excellent benefits package is provided.

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STARTING DATE: July 1, 2023, or as negotiated

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: In addition to a letter of application, candidates must provide a curriculum vita, a statement of future interests in research and extension, and a list of three references. Applicants should provide evidence, either woven through their application materials or as a separate diversity statement, of a commitment to fostering diversity, equity, inclusive excellence, and belonging and of engagement which creates an inclusive environment in their classroom, department, and the University. Application materials are submitted online at Penn State Careers/REQ_0000035879 - https://psu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/PSU_Academic/job/Penn-State-University-Park/Assistant-Professor_REQ_0000035879-1

CLOSING DATE: December 1, 2022, or until a suitable candidate is identified.

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