

## Entomology Ph.D. Assistantship, Predators in Organic Vegetable Systems

A position is available for a Ph.D. in Entomology in the Vegetable Entomology lab of Rebecca Schmidt-Jeffris at Clemson University. The work will be based out of the Coastal Research and Education Center in Charleston, SC. Applicants should have a M.S. in Entomology or a related field (Biology, Horticulture, etc.) and experience in entomology. Candidates with a background in insect identification are preferred. The project will involve assessing the biodiversity of predators of in organic tomato and squash fields in South Carolina and assisting with specimen identification from other states (FL, GA, NC). Final results will involve modeling how on-farm management practices impact predator communities. Another component of the project will be assessing the non-target impacts of organic pesticides on biological control agents. Please contact the PI via email ([rschmi3@clemson.edu](mailto:rschmi3@clemson.edu)) for additional details. If you are interested in applying for the position, please send the PI a CV, 1 page personal statement describing your broad research interests, and writing sample (publication, draft publication, etc.).