

Postdoctoral Research Position in Agricultural Entomology – Spotted Wing *Drosophila*
Frank Zalom Lab – UC Davis

The Zalom lab at UC Davis is inviting applicants for an established Postdoctoral Scholar position. Mark Demkovich, who joined the Zalom lab as a Postdoc Scholar in mid-September has accepted an excellent research entomologist position with Syngenta and will leave our lab by the end of February. Mark's departure is going to slow our *Drosophila suzukii* work while I am recruiting and transitioning this project to another scholar. If you know of an outstanding candidate who is seeking a postdoctoral position in California starting pretty much anytime in the next few months, please have them forward their letter of introduction and CV to my address below. The position and related support is made possible by continuing grants from the USDA Organic Research and Extension Initiative, California Department of Food and Agriculture and California Strawberry Commission for at least 2 years. This is an excellent opportunity for the postdoctoral scholar to author several journal articles since we have a lot of ongoing but unfinished work on this insect as it relates to strawberries, caneberries and cherries that can be assumed by the new postdoc and completed. There is, of course, ample opportunity to initiate new research of that is compatible with the postdoctoral scholar specific interests, and to collaborate with other labs conducting spotted wing drosophila research at UC Davis and in other states.

The successful candidate is expected to assume maintenance of spotted wing drosophila colonies that include insecticide tolerant lines, and to continue ongoing research on their susceptibility to various insecticides, fitness, and resistance mechanisms (we are maintaining several 'resistant' SWD lines in our laboratory. Research will include field and laboratory studies on spotted wing drosophila biology and management. The successful candidate should have a completed PhD, valid driver's license from a U.S. state, evidence of research productivity that includes journal articles or similar, and good communication skills to interact with growers and consultants as well as research colleagues.

Thank you for spreading the word on this opportunity to your colleagues as well.

An application letter and CV should be sent to:

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