

Master's Student (Plan B) in the Department of Entomology

University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment (UK CAFE)

Description: A graduate assistantship is available in the Department of Entomology at the University of Kentucky to work toward a Master's of Science (Plan B) in Extension Entomology, focusing on entomology extension and outreach. The student will be expected to dedicate 20 hrs per week to the following duties:

- Presentation of entomology topics to 4-H, youth, and adult audiences in locations around Kentucky
- Preparation of educational and distance-learning materials (print, web-based, audio, and video)
- Maintenance of live and preserved demonstration arthropods
- Collaboration with other UK CAFE entomologists and Extension staff
- In addition to these duties, the selected student will pursue coursework and project necessary for the completion of a Plan B M.S. degree in Entomology, including the development and completion of a non-thesis practicum.

The Department of Entomology will support the M.S. student, including stipend, tuition waiver, insurance, and fees. For more information about Master's in Science (Plan B) at UK Entomology, visit our Graduate Student Handbook: <https://entomology.ca.uky.edu/files/handbooksep13.pdf>

The student will have opportunities to work with professional Extension staff and other professional educators from around the state on the development of educational materials and extension programming. The student will travel frequently to locations around Kentucky to educate county agents, 4-Hers, youth, and adults on topics including:

- General Entomology (insect identification, native and exotic live arthropods)
- Insects in the Garden
- Organic Pest Control
- Invasive Species
- Pollinator Ecology

Qualifications: A Bachelor's degree in a related field (Entomology, Biology, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Science) and GRE test report are required for application to this program. TOEFL is required for international students. A full application to the Graduate School at the University of Kentucky will be required before an offer can be made. The selected student will be a licensed driver in good standing with at least 5-years driving experience. Strong communication skills, including public-speaking, and enthusiasm are priorities for this position.

If you or a student you know are interested in this opportunity, please contact Dr. Ric Bessin (rbessin@uky.edu).

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is an equal opportunity organization and welcomes applications from women and minorities.