Graduate Student Position (PhD): Beneficial insects and ecosystem services in agricultural landscapes

A PhD level position is available in the Department of Entomology, University of Manitoba. Students with interests in beneficial insects, landscape ecology, and/or ecosystem services are encouraged to apply. The successful applicant will lead a project studying the effects of flowering cover crops and/or perennial flowering habitat on beneficial insects, pollination and biological control in organic farming systems.

The successful applicant will have a strong background in entomology, plant science, and/or agroecology. The student will work closely with a team of entomologists and plant scientists at the University of Manitoba. Primary supervision will be in the Gibbs and Costamagna Labs in the Department of Entomology. The Gibbs Lab’s research focus is in wild bee ecology and systematics and the Costamagna Lab has expertise in landscape ecology and predator-prey interactions.

*Qualifications.* Masters’ degree in Entomology, Ecology, or related field. Direct entry from a Bachelor’s will be considered for students of exceptional academic ability and experience in field ecology, agriculture, insect identification, flowering plants, and/or GIS. Valid driver’s license is required.

*Anticipated start date:* January/May, 2019

*To apply:* Applicants should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae and contact information for three references to:

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The University of Manitoba is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from women, racialized persons/persons of colour, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.
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