Insect Systematist Position Available at LSU

Assistant/Associate Professor

WORK LOCATION: Department of Entomology, LSU AgCenter, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

ACADEMIC RANK: Assistant/Associate Professor (anticipated), twelve-month, tenure track appointment, research (50%), teaching (30%), and extension/outreach (20%) responsibilities.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Department of Entomology at Louisiana State University invites applications for a tenure-track Insect Systematist and Diagnostician at the Assistant Professor rank. Candidates with a broad range of taxonomic and research interests will be considered, including (but not limited to) specimen-based revisionary systematics, phylogenomics, biodiversity informatics, conservation, and entomology research collecting and field work. The successful candidate will serve as the Director of the Louisiana State Arthropod Museum and will be expected to develop a nationally and internationally recognized, extramurally funded research program. Collaboration with existing departmental faculty working in the areas of insect physiology, behavior and ecology, urban entomology, medical/veterinary entomology, toxicology, population genetics, integrated pest management, biological control, and plant-insect interactions will also be expected. The successful candidate will participate in graduate student training as a member of the Graduate Faculty of Louisiana State University, and will be required to teach a course in Insect Taxonomy and Systematics as well as courses in general entomology and his/her area of specialty. Outreach and extension responsibilities include diagnostics of current, emerging, and invasive insect pests, delivery of insect-related information and education via outreach and citizen science, and specimen repository support for departmental and external research programs.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: The applicant must have a Ph.D. degree in entomology or closely related biological discipline at the time of employment and research experience in morphological and molecular (including genomic) character systems, phylogenetic analysis, entomological fieldwork and modern, specimen-based revisionary systematics. Outstanding oral and written communication skills are necessary.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 15, 2017 or until suitable candidate is located.

DATE AVAILABLE: Upon completion of interview process.
APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Must apply online at https://lsu wd1. myworkdayjobs.com/LSU (or through Workday for internal applicants) by attaching a curriculum vita, copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts, list of publications with selected reprints, names and addresses of three persons who can be contacted for letters of reference, and a letter of application describing abilities, research and teaching interests, and career goals. Paper, faxed or e-mailed application materials will not be accepted, except that in lieu of attaching recommendation letters online, they may be sent directly to:

Dr. Jeff Davis

Chair, Search Committee

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