Job: Field and laboratory technician - invasive ants

The Invasive Species lab at the University of Texas at Austin's Brackenridge Field Laboratory is seeking a technician for a mixed field and laboratory position working on invasive ants.

Please see a more detailed job description and apply at:

https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/hr/jobs/nlogon/17115014480

General Position Notes: Job is a mixture of field and laboratory based investigation. Job requires frequent overnight travel to field sites in remote regions of Texas. Camping out will be required at some sites. Work will be outside during Texas summer. Experimental protocols will require a non-standard work schedule. Work will often involve long days and short weeks, working evenings, mornings and/or weekends.

Purpose: Technician will follow the direction of the lead investigator to carry out studies examining the biology and ecology of tawny crazy and natural enemies of this ant, including microsporidian pathogens and phorid fly parasitoids.

Driving a UT vehicle is an essential function of the position.

Preferred Qualifications
Bachelors or masters degree in biological science. Strong background and interest in entomology and ecology. Experience in field ecological studies and experiments. Experience with insect identification. Experience with micro-dissection and microscopy. Laboratory experience in chemistry. Experience with molecular lab procedures. Computer skills including familiarity with spreadsheet manipulation, analysis and graphing in Microsoft Excel. Experience using GPS. Excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills needed. Ability to perform as a member of a dynamic research team.

Start Date
On or around January 2, 2018

Duration of Appointment
Appointment will last for 1 year. Provided additional funding can be secured and applicant performs well, appointment may be renewed.