

Assistant Professor and Assistant Entomologist: Biological Control of Invasive Insects and/or Weeds

The Department of Entomology at the University of California, Riverside (<https://entomology.ucr.edu>) invites applicants for an Assistant Professor and Assistant Entomologist to develop an innovative, fundamental and applied research program on the biological control of invasive arthropods and/or weeds. This 9-month, tenure-track position is a 60% Organized Research and 40% Instruction appointment and will be available starting July 1, 2023. The successful candidate will develop a creative, collaborative, extramurally funded research program that focuses on the biological control of invasive arthropod and/or weed species of importance to California's urban, agricultural, or natural ecosystems. Research areas could include, but are not limited to, biology and behavior of invasive pests/weeds and their biological control agents, biotic and abiotic determinants of invasion success, ecological interactions of pests and natural enemies at the community level, pre- and post-invasion/release genetics and evolution of pests and natural enemies, and the landscape and spatial ecology of pest impacts and natural enemy efficacy. The Department seeks an individual who will complement existing expertise in insect ecology and integrated pest management, and who can work collaboratively with faculty across academic departments, colleges and UC campuses. Teaching responsibilities may include participation in existing courses on biological control, insect ecology, population biology, and pest management, developing new courses in the ecological and pest management sciences, as well as supervision of graduate students.

Required qualifications for this position that must be met by the **date of application** include: a Ph.D. in Entomology or in a related biological science; postdoctoral experience is preferred. Candidates should have a strong background and experience in the biological control of insects and/or with insect biocontrol agents of weeds.

Advancement through the Professorial ranks at the University of California is through a series of structured, merit-based evaluations, occurring every 2-3 years, each of which includes substantial peer input.

To apply: submit the following to <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF01650>.

- Cover Letter – Short cover letter describing background and interests.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Teaching (2 page maximum)
- Statement of Research/Scholarly Activities (2 page maximum)
- Statement of Past and/or Planned Future Contributions to Advancing Diversity and Inclusive Excellence – Applicants should summarize how they have promoted and plan to promote a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment. These efforts can be reflected through research, teaching, supervision, mentoring, community engagement, service, and any of the other varied activities that are a part of an academic career (2 page maximum).
- Letters of Reference – At time of submission, applicants should provide contact information and request letters of recommendation from 3 referees to be submitted through AP Recruit.

Review of applications will commence on **December 2, 2022**, and proceed until position is filled. We will give full consideration to all applications completed before the deadline.

For more information about this position, please contact Professor Erin Rankin, Chair of the Search Committee, Department of Entomology, at erin.rankin@ucr.edu. For questions on application procedures and requirements, please contact Mrs. Kendall Dunmore-Balderrama, Academic Personnel, at kendall.dunmore@ucr.edu.

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The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

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