

ASSISTANT COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SPECIALIST
Integrated Management of Invasive and Endemic Arthropods Attacking Subtropical Fruit Crops
University of California, Riverside

The Department of Entomology invites applications for an Assistant Cooperative Extension Specialist in the area of integrated management of invasive and endemic arthropod species attacking subtropical fruit crops at the University of California, Riverside. This is a fiscal year position and is available January 1, 2018 with a 90% Cooperative Extension/10% Organized Research appointment in the Agricultural Experiment Station (<http://cnas.ucr.edu/about/aes/>). The position will be housed at the University of California Riverside Campus in Riverside, CA. The successful candidate will develop an internationally recognized and extramurally funded basic and applied research program focused on managing and reducing the impact of arthropod pests in commercial subtropical fruit crops, such as citrus and avocado. Extension responsibilities include the development and implementation of educational programs on pest management in subtropical fruit crops. These efforts may take a variety of forms including extension publications, newsletters, web pages, web blogging, field days, participation in Cooperative Extension Advisor meetings, organization of specific educational conferences, and contributing to UC ANR workgroups and teams. The successful candidate's work will be aligned with the Endemic and Invasive Pests and Diseases Strategic Initiative within UC ANR. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Applicants must hold a Ph.D in Entomology, Biology, Pest Management, Applied Ecology, or a related discipline; postdoctoral experience is preferred.

Applicants should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statements of research interests (3 pages maximum), extension interests and philosophy (2 pages maximum), a statement of contributions to diversity (2 pages maximum), up to three reprints of publications or manuscripts in press (pdf files), and three to five letters of recommendation. All application materials should be sent to <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF00783>. Questions regarding this position should be directed to Dr. Richard Stouthamer, Chair of the Subtropical Fruit Crops IPM CE Search Committee at richard.stouthamer@ucr.edu. Review of applications will begin September 4th, 2017 but the position will remain open until filled. Information about the Entomology Department and an expanded position description can be found at: <http://www.entomology.ucr.edu>.

Depending upon the department of appointment, the position may include an appointment in the Agricultural Experiment Station, which includes the responsibility to conduct research and outreach relevant to the mission of the California Agricultural Experiment Station only: <http://cnas.ucr.edu/about/aes/>.

UCR is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. Its mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first-generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification. Advancement through the CE Specialist 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. The Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources is the statewide division of the University of California that administers Cooperative Extension and serves as the bridge between local issues and the power of UC Research.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer with a strong institutional commitment to the achievement of excellence and diversity among its faculty and staff. 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.