



The Smith Bee Lab at Auburn University is **HIRING!**

- 1 Postdoc Position (2-4 years)
- 1-2 PhD Positions

Research Areas: collective behavior, nest architecture, spatial organization, social physiology, or any complementary research area.

Members of the Smith Bee Lab are encouraged to develop their own research program within the broad framework of social physiology and colony function. Prior experience working with honey bees is not required – we are actively seeking researchers with complementary skills to join our group, as long as they have a strong interest in the underlying biological concepts. Projects looking to develop methods, analytical tools, or make use of our existing datasets are of particular interest (e.g., 3-dimensional spatial organization of the nest).

Prospective Graduate Students:

PhD students would be expected to join the department in Fall 2026. Please see the [DBS website](#) for instructions on how to formally apply to the program, but be sure to [register now](#), so that you will receive information about recruitment events and deadlines. Applicants should have a faculty sponsor, so please contact me via email to discuss research opportunities.

Prospective Postdoctoral Researchers:

Postdoc position has a flexible start-date, but could be as soon as Spring 2026, and is available for up to 4-years, contingent on satisfactory performance. Postdoctoral candidates should have a PhD in any of the following: biology, computer science, data science, engineering, physics, statistics, or a related field.

Applications should include a cover letter (1-2 pages), CV, and contact information for three professional references. To apply, and for any questions or interest in the position, please contact me via email: mls0154@auburn.edu. Review of applicants will begin Nov 1st 2025, and continue until a suitable applicant is found.

Candidate must be eligible to legally work in the United States at the time of employment and continue working legally for the proposed term. Auburn University is a Vet/EEO/Disability employer and committed to building an inclusive and diverse community.

