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Department of Entomology and Center for Vector Biology & Zoonotic Diseases

Seasonal Research Assistant Positions

We anticipate fourteen Seasonal Research Assistant positions at the *Center for Vector Biology & Zoonotic Diseases* at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to assist in **Mosquito Research and Surveillance Programs on West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus.**

1. Laboratory Research Assistants- Mosquito and Virus Testing (2 positions)

Duties: Preparation and virus testing of mosquito specimens, maintaining cell cultures, and recording data. Will work with human viral pathogens in a secure Biosafety Level 3 containment facility.

Background: Course work and lab experience in cell and molecular biology, biochemistry, microbiology, and/or immunology is desirable. Training provided.

2. Laboratory Research Assistants- Mosquito Identification and Colony Maintenance (5 positions)

Duties: Microscopic identification of mosquitoes, preparation of specimens for virus testing, computer-based data entry, maintenance of mosquito colonies, and occasional field work.

Background: Course work or experience in insect identification, use of diagnostic keys and microscopes, and/or entomology is desirable. Training provided.

3. Field Research Assistants- Mosquito Trapping and Surveillance (7 positions)

Duties: Field-monitoring and collection of mosquitoes from wetland swamps and other habitats, laboratory sorting of mosquitoes. Substantial travel to research sites throughout the state.

Background: Course work or experience in biology, entomology, and/or wetland ecology is desirable. Must possess a valid driver's license. Vehicle and training provided.

Positions are durational from May 1 through October 31, 2024 with variable start and end dates, depending on the position and the applicant's availability. The hours of work are 8:30 am-4:30 pm M-F for lab positions and 6:30 am- 2:30 pm M-F for field positions. The salary is \$16.00/hr.

To apply, interested candidates should submit (email preferred): (1) a cover letter indicating interest in the position, (2) resume, (3) college transcripts (unofficial copies are ok), and (4) names and contact information for 3 references to: **Dr. Philip Armstrong, Center for Vector Biology & Zoonotic Diseases, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington St., New Haven, CT 06511. Phone 203-974-8510; FAX 203-974-8502; e-mail: philip.armstrong@ct.gov**

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