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SUMMER RESEARCH ASSISTANTS, 2022

Department of Entomology and
Center for Vector Biology & Zoonotic Diseases

The Department of Entomology anticipates having five Summer Research Assistant positions available in 2022 to assist with tick testing and invasive insect research and survey. This is an excellent opportunity to gain professional experience and learn new skills. These positions are based in New Haven.

1. Tick Testing Laboratory (two positions): Duties include identification of tick specimens with respect to species, life cycle stage, and engorgement status; extraction of nucleic acid, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), gel electrophoresis, etc.; preparation of reagents in molecular biology laboratory. Applicants should be familiar with Microsoft Office Suite and MS Access and possess excellent communication and organizational skills. Course work and experience in microbiology, cell and molecular biology, and biochemistry is desirable.
2. Invasive Insect Survey (three positions): individual will assist the State Survey Coordinator with the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) and other pest surveys. The insect surveys involve travel to field sites at various locations around the state.

These seasonal positions start May 2 to mid-May and may extend through October 31, 2021, depending on project and funding. The regular hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with a salary of \$14.00/hour. Applicants must have a valid driver's license. To apply (email applications accepted), submit a cover letter indicating interest in the position, a CV or résumé with education and work experience, a copy of school transcripts, and the names and contact information for three references to:

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