

ANNOUNCEMENT
ASSISTANT SPECIALIST in COOPERATIVE SPECIALIST POSITION for
APICULTURE
Entomology and Nematology
University of California, Davis

Title: Assistant Specialist in Cooperative Extension in Apiculture is located in the Department of Entomology and Nematology, University of California, and Davis.

The position of Specialist in Cooperative Extension (Specialist) is one of statewide leadership towards University colleagues, agricultural industries, consumers, youth, policy makers, environmental agencies, and other public agencies. The Specialist is generally expected to keep campus and county based UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) colleagues and clientele apprised of emerging issues and research findings and directions, work with them to conduct applied research and develop applications of research knowledge to specific problems, and provide educational leadership and technical information support for county based CE advisors and clientele. A Specialist in Cooperative Extension is a primary liaison with University research units. The Specialist is expected to provide leadership, facilitate teamwork, develop collaborative relationships with colleagues, and ensure appropriate external input into the planning of research and educational programs by the Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) and Cooperative Extension. The Specialist will be expected to provide leadership and participation in ANR Program Teams, workgroups and Strategic Initiative Programs, work closely with CE Advisors toward the resolution of issues of regional and statewide importance, and coordinate statewide programming with UCCE and AES colleagues throughout California. The Specialist also identifies and considers the needs of all relevant major clientele groups in the planning, development and execution of applied research and education programs. The Specialist is evaluated for merit and promotion using four basic criteria. Because the Specialist's role is unique, in comparison to faculty and Experiment Station academic appointees, activity within some of the components of the four criteria used in assessing a CE Specialist's performance, therefore, should be based on the specific responsibilities for the position listed below.

Responsibilities: The research focus of this position will center on investigations pertaining to honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) and their role in pollinating California's \$6.0 billion honey bee-dependent crops. The successful candidate is expected to conduct applied research and outreach of honey bees and to develop an innovative program to:

EXTENSION TEACHING: Provides leadership as liaison between campus-based research and other groups such as commercial beekeepers, and serves as a resource person for UCCE county based academics. Conducts adaptive and demonstration research in commercial settings in collaboration with UCCE academics. Presents information on management of honey bees and alternative pollinators at various clientele meetings, short courses, field demonstrations and other education programs normally organized by UCCE Advisors and Specialists

APPLIED RESEARCH: Provides leadership for planning and coordination of applied research activities related to beekeeping and pollination with departmental and other research and UCCE academics and encourages interdisciplinary collaboration with other research and UCCE Advisors and Specialists. Investigates or plans, conducts, and publishes results of applied research or other creative activities designed to resolve problems or issues of importance to the beekeeping industry.

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND ACTIVITY: Participates in activities of local, state, and national beekeepers' organizations; professional societies affiliated with apiculture, and professional societies dealing with Entomology and Nematology/Nematology. Reviews research proposals, journal manuscripts, and publications related to bees, beekeeping, and crop pollination.

UNIVERSITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE: Participates in activities of committees within the department, college, or ANR. Works with state and federal agencies (regulatory, advisory, emergency services, etc.), counties, municipalities, and others on issues related to honey bees (especially “Africanized” bees). Responds to media inquiries on a wide range of topics dealing with stinging insects. Interacts with Extension Specialists and other scientists of other states and countries.

Qualifications: The applicant should have a Ph.D. degree in Entomology and Nematology/Nematology, animal biology, or a closely related field, with experience and interest, or training and coursework, related to management of honey bees for pollination of agricultural crops and other flowering plants.

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Appointment date: Applications will be reviewed with the expectation that the appointee will be available for service on or about January 1st, 2014.

Applications: Applications should be submitted on-line at (<https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/>). Additional information is available at (aes.ucdavis.edu/research/outext/anr). Inquiries should be directed to Dr. Larry Godfrey, Search Committee Chair, Department of Entomology and Nematology/Nematology, University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616, telephone (530) 752-0473, e-mail: ldgodfrey@ucdavis.edu

Applicants should submit: a curriculum vitae including publication list, a statement of research interests and a separate statement describing extension interests and background; and names, addresses including e-mail, and telephone numbers of at least four references. The position will be open until filled. To ensure consideration, applications should be received by September 1, 2013.

UC Davis is an affirmative action/equal employment opportunity employer and is dedicated to recruiting a diverse faculty community. We welcome all qualified applicants to apply, including women, minorities, veterans, and individuals with disabilities.