

Associate Non-CE Specialist

UCCE Stanislaus County

Location Headquarters: Stanislaus County, Modesto, CA

Position Overview

Purpose:

The Associate Specialist for UCCE Stanislaus will assist in all phases of applied arthropod pest management research and extension efforts in the Northern San Joaquin Valley. The Specialist is expected to record academic accomplishments, including contributions to published or in-press research in the field and a demonstrated record of University and/or public service. The position will be headquartered at UCCE Stanislaus in Modesto, responsible for conducting IPM research and extension activities focusing on three northern San Joaquin Valley counties. The candidate will also be involved in national and statewide projects for collaborative project activities.

The position will provide independent input to the research - designing and conducting applied entomology/pest management research in tree fruit and tree nut crops. The specific activities include creating protocols and involving insect and plant samplings, conducting lab, semi-field, and field studies, designing studies to understand the biology and phenology of insect pests following specific study protocols. The Specialist will work primarily on projects focusing on major pests of tree fruit and nut crop systems. The targeted insect pests include Pacific flatheaded borer, stink bugs including the invasive brown marmorated stick bug, spotted wing drosophila, and navel orangeworm. The position will take a leading role in pest management research activities of the IPM lab, supervising technicians and seasonal student assistants. The Specialist will utilize expertise in research data collection and summarization and statistical analysis and will be actively involved in organizing extension and field meetings, conference calls, and other professional activities.

Reporting Relationship: The Associate Specialist is administratively responsible to the Area IPM Advisor at UCCE Stanislaus.

Qualifications and Skills Required

Required Qualifications

- A master's degree or other advanced degrees in disciplines such as Entomology, Pest Management, Horticultural Science, or a closely related field is required by the appointment date;
- The evidence of publishing scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals is required;
- A valid California driver's license is required.

Additional Qualifications:

- Must obtain a Qualified Pesticide Applicator Certificate (QAC) or License prior to applying or supervising the application of any pesticide.

Desired Qualifications:

- Additional background or experiences in insect rearing and lab- and field-based pest management research in tree nuts systems are highly preferred;
- Some level of experience in working with invasive and other important insect pests of recent concerns in tree nut systems (pests listed above) in California is desirable;
- Experience in handling organic and conventional pesticides for research use is desirable
- Experiences in report writing, public speaking, and extension are preferred;
- The ability to build partnerships and to work with multidisciplinary teams is desired.

Skills Required: To be successful, Associate Specialists require skills in the following:

Technical Competence and Impact

- Research Specialists are expected to use their professional expertise to make scientific and scholarly contributions to the research enterprise of the University and to achieve recognition in the professional and scientific community. This will include presenting research results at professional meetings and publishing manuscripts of research results in peer-reviewed journals.

Communication

- Demonstrated excellence in written, oral, interpersonal and public speaking communication skills.
- Skills to communicate and extend technical information to diverse audiences are required.
- Participation in professional societies and conferences and ability to give presentations at seminars and continuing education functions.

Collaboration, Teamwork and Flexibility

- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively as a team member with others.
- Able to adapt as circumstances warranted. Promote diversity, equity and inclusion.

Lifelong Learning

Demonstrated commitment to ongoing self-improvement - both professionally and as a person.

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Salary & Benefits

SALARY: The salary will be in the Associate Specialist Rank, Step 1. For information regarding the Assistant Specialist series salary scales, please refer to: <https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/files/2021/2020-21-academic-salary-program/t24-b.pdf>

This is a represented position.

The Associate Specialist position is a non-career track position. The position is a two-year (renewed annually) term appointment with a merit cycle every two years. The performance in the position will be evaluated annually. The position will be extended based on performance and availability of funding.

Benefits: The University of California offers comprehensive benefits including two days per month paid vacation, one day per month paid sick leave, and approximately thirteen paid holidays per year. ANR is part of UC's Family-Friendly Policies. For more information, refer to the UC Benefits website at: <http://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

How to Apply

If interested in this position, please visit: <https://recruit.ucanr.edu/> and choose "applicants" (refer to position #21-10)

Closing Date: To assure full consideration, application packets must be received by May 13, 2021.

Questions?

Contact Tatiana Avoce; email: tavoce@ucanr.edu

Please note that successful applicants are responsible for ensuring their eligibility to work in the United States (i.e. citizen or national of the United States, a lawful permanent resident, a foreign national authorized to work in the United States without need of employer sponsorship) for the duration of the appointment period.

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