Department: Biology
Working Title: Insect Museum Curator and Research Assistant
Classification: Graduate Assistant
Number of Openings: 1
Pay Rate: $2930/mo full-time base rate; approximate actual rate of $732.50/mo
Appointment: 10 hours/week
Expected Dates of Employment: Sep 11, 2020 - Dec 18, 2020
Deadline to Apply: Sep 9, 2020

Requisition #: BIO_GA_2021_11

DUTIES OF THE POSITION

Under the direction of Dr. Nathan Rank, the graduate student will curate insect and other invertebrate specimens for the University Insect Museum. Specimens originate from collections made by students to satisfy coursework requirements in prior semesters. The graduate student will make sure that specimens are in good condition, identified correctly, and properly organized in museum cabinets and drawers. The student also maintains records of museum use by students and visitors. The graduate student will also complete bioinformatics research on genetic diversity in montane leaf beetles and how genes associate with responses to thermal stress in diverse populations.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of the subject matter of the discipline in which assigned. Ability to relate well to others within the academic environment; ability to supervise, assist and train students; and ability to assist faculty in the conduct of special projects or research within the discipline. For initial appointment, evidence of satisfactory achievement in previous academic work; for the subsequent appointments, evidence of satisfactory progress toward completion of degree. Education equivalent to completion of the requirements for a bachelor’s degree and registration in a University graduate degree program; students enrolled in credential programs are not eligible for this position. NOTE: Exceptions to the minimum eligibility qualifications may be granted at the sole discretion of the University.

HIRING CRITERIA

Admission to the Biology Graduate Program, demonstrated expertise in insect identification. Bioinformatics experience.

HOW TO APPLY

Email resume to rank@sonoma.edu

HIRING NOTIFICATION

Email notification
SUPERVISOR

Nathan Rank

OTHER INFORMATION

- The classification, Graduate Assistant, is one of three classifications in a collective bargaining unit, Unit 11. The Graduate Assistant classification provides currently enrolled or admitted University graduate students the opportunity to assist faculty or teaching staff by performing various professional and technical duties associated generally with the subjects or program which the Graduate Assistant is doing graduate work.
- Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All offers of employment are contingent upon presentation of documents demonstrating the appointee’s identity and eligibility to work, in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act.
- The university is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.
- This position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.
- Successful candidates may be required to do a background check (including a criminal records check) before work in the position can begin.

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