



The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

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SUMMER RESEARCH ASSISTANTS **Department of Environmental Sciences and Center for Vector Biology & Zoonotic Diseases**

We anticipate thirteen 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 Assistant- Mosquito and Virus Testing

Duties: Preparation of mosquito specimens for virus testing and computer-based data entry. 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

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

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

3. Field Research Assistants- Mosquito Trapping and Surveillance

Duties: Field-monitoring and collection of larval and adult mosquitoes from wetland swamps and other habitats, laboratory sorting of mosquitoes. Substantial travel to mosquito 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, 2020 with variable start and end dates, depending on the position and the applicant's availability. The hours of work are 8:30-4:30 M-F and the starting salary is \$12.00/hr.

To apply, interested candidates should submit: (1) a cover letter indicating interest in the position, (2) resume, (3) college transcripts, and (4) names and contact information for 3 references (e-mail preferred) to: **Dr. Philip Armstrong, Center for Vector Biology & Zoonotic Diseases, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, P.O. Box 1106, New Haven, CT 06504. Phone 203-974-8510; FAX 203-974-8502; e-mail: philip.armstrong@ct.gov**

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