Diversity Statement

The Department of Entomology at the University of Maryland aims to cultivate a diverse and inclusive environment for all the members of our department. The Department is dedicated to the study of entomology and a diversity of subdisciplines, including ecology, aquatic biology, molecular and developmental biology, genetics, biological control of insects and weeds, systematics, evolutionary biology, integrated pest management, toxicology, and insect pathology. We recognize that a diverse group of people working together strengthens all our efforts, including our research, teaching, and extension. As a core value, we welcome into our department and strive to provide an inclusive environment for all individuals, regardless of age, gender, gender identity or expression, race, cultural background, religion, physical ability, sexual orientation or socio-economic status.

The Department of Entomology strives to foster diversity in membership, leadership, committees, staff, outreach, public engagement, recruitment, and all other areas of activity. At the same time, as we engage in these efforts, we acknowledge the serious underrepresentation of many minority groups in entomology. As a department we recognize our role in rectifying this disparity and continue to work toward improving ourselves and our department.