The University of Maryland, College Park, invites applications for Chair of the Entomology Department. We are seeking candidates with outstanding records in research and education, along with administrative skills and vision to lead the unit.

The University of Maryland at College Park is a diverse and vibrant institution of research and higher learning that serves as the Flagship campus for the University of Maryland system. The Department of Entomology at University of Maryland is committed to 1) advancing scientific knowledge through basic and applied research, 2) providing science education in Entomology and broader areas of the biological sciences at the undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate levels, and 3) fulfilling the University land grant mission to provide research-based information and solutions to serve Maryland communities. Department members have broad disciplinary interests, spanning molecular, evolutionary, and developmental biology, genetics and genomics, systematics, ecology, conservation and restoration biology, toxicology, pathology, and population management, with shared focus on insects and their relatives. Faculty collaborate extensively with NIH, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Smithsonian and other local agencies. The University’s proximity to Washington, D.C. offers diverse opportunities for partnerships with governmental and non-profit organizations and research groups.

The Chair is the chief administrative officer of the Department and is expected to foster a culture of excellence in research, teaching, mentorship, extension, and service in the following ways:

1. Develop and implement a compelling vision for the future of the department.
2. Provide leadership in planning and supervising programs relevant to the department’s mission within the land grant university system, manage departmental budgets and other financial matters, and assist in generating extramural support for department activities.
3. Evaluate, counsel, and promote professional development of faculty, staff, and students.
4. Ensure recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students, while also fostering a diverse and inclusive working environment within the department.
5. Communicate effectively with faculty, staff, students, university administrators and stakeholders, including appropriately seeking and applying feedback.

The appointee will have a Ph.D. in Entomology, Biology or other Life Sciences-related field (disciplines above), at the rank of Professor. Candidates should submit the following materials to https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/105230:

1) Cover letter describing qualifications,
2) Curriculum vitae,
3) Statement on leadership experience and vision, and
4) Contact information for 4 people from whom letters of recommendation can be requested.

Questions may be submitted to the search committee chair, Dr. Kevin McIver, at entmsearch@umd.edu.

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