Degree Information

The Department of Entomology strives to produce graduates with the relevant education and skills necessary to advance knowledge and provide solutions to the multifaceted problems involving insects in society and the environment. Through coursework, research, and hands-on experience, the Department offers an integrated entomology curriculum that spans core life science knowledge while including specialized training in topics unique to insects and their relatives.

The Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Entomology are offered with academic education and research training appropriate to thesis and dissertation projects addressing a wide array of subject matter areas.

Student Development & Faculty Advising

Graduate advising and mentoring is provided by Entomology faculty who are nationally and internationally recognized. Advisory committees are comprised of faculty with interdisciplinary expertise from across campus, as well as from industry, government and the private sector, where specialized expertise is beneficial to dissertation, or thesis research. Committee members may also include research and extension entomology faculty located at 10 centers across Texas who address challenging entomological issues unique to geographic and climatic characteristics ranging from desert to sub-tropical, and from urban to rural landscapes.
Graduate students desiring development of skills, experience, and education in teaching have opportunities to assist in teaching courses in the department and to develop teaching credentials through the Graduate Teaching Academy at Texas A&M University’s Center for Teaching Excellence.

Admission

For summer/fall applicants, we strongly urge a priority deadline of January 1st. The deadline for each term is:

- March 1st for Summer Applicants
- June 1st for Fall Applicants
- November 1st for Spring Applicants

For international students residing outside the U.S., we suggest meeting the following optimal application deadlines:

- February 15 for Summer/Fall Applicants
- September 15 for Spring Applicants

Placement and Jobs

Entomology graduates are highly competitive for employment in public, private, and government sectors where knowledge, experience and applications of the science of insects and other arthropods are required. Our former students have become prominent leaders in entomological research, application, education, and regulatory affairs for local, state, and national employers, as well as in international agencies and foreign countries.

Distinguished Faculty

Faculty on the main campus are 25 including two Endowed Chairs, a Regents Fellow and a Research Fellow, and an additional 18 faculty members located at Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Centers across the state, including an Endowed Chair and a Faculty Fellow.

Extensive Facilities

The department occupies five floors of the Minnie Belle Heep Building and nearby buildings that house the Entomology Research Laboratory, the Biological Control Laboratory and Urban, Veterinary/Medical and Forensic Entomology Laboratories. The Rollins Urban and Structural Entomology Facility opened in 2014. The Janice and John G. Thomas Honey Bee Facility on the Riverside Campus opened in 2010. The Texas A&M University Insect Collection is the largest and most actively growing arthropod collection in the Southwest, containing more than 2.5 million specimens representing more than 35,000 identified species. The collection provides resources for research and teaching activities at state, national and international levels. Field and laboratory resources are also available at 10 research and extension centers located in different geographic and climatic zones of Texas.

Mentoring

Students are able to tailor their academic interests, research interests, and professional development for their respective degree with the guidance and mentorship of their major advisor and advisory committee. Expectations for success in academic achievement, research discovery, and service provide the basis for mentoring students into successful careers. Matching career aspirations of students with directed opportunities and encouragement for professional development are central to our mentoring efforts.

Financial Support

Applicants are encouraged to work with faculty advisors on funding, including collaborations for scholarship and fellowship applications, and the writing of grant proposals. A limited number of departmental research and teaching assistantships are available on a competitive basis.

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