



# *The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station*

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Protecting Agriculture, Public Health, and the Environment*

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

We anticipate several 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 and Eastern Equine Encephalitis Viruses.**

### **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 or 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. Vehicle and training provided.

Positions are durational from May 1 through October 31, 2017 with variable start and end dates, depending on the position. The hours of work are 8:30-4:30, M-F (35 hr/wk) and the starting salary is \$11.00/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, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT 06511. Phone 203-974-8510; FAX 203-974-8502; e-mail: [philip.armstrong@ct.gov](mailto:philip.armstrong@ct.gov)**

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