Cooperative Extension

2023 Summer Internship (June-August), Miscellaneous Wage, Non-Benefitted

Entomology Lab Internship
The ornamentals IPM entomology lab has an internship available for 2023 summer. The intern will assist the extension specialist on a variety of projects including identifying insects collected during a project investigating impacts of mosquito control on non-target arthropods and management of spotted lanternflies and reddheaded flea beetles and maintaining demonstration gardens for the management of various insect borer species on maples and ashes.

Aspects of these projects include: insecticide efficacy evaluations, studies related to reddheaded flea beetle biology, potentially spotted lanternfly insecticide evaluations and collections, work with reduced-risk or biopesticides targeting the management of spider mites, thrips and armored scale, use of entomopathogenic nematodes and fungi (biological control using inset pathology), choice trials and bioassay tests looking at arthropod behavior, demonstration plot management and plant installation, greenhouse plant maintenance and propagation, geocaching with insects and diseases, prepare a presentation for speaking to green industry professionals, and assisting with fact sheets. Interns may also participate in site inspections with DDA nursery inspectors, this activity scouts nurseries for relevant pests.

Interns will have opportunities to interact with entomology professionals throughout duration of internship.

Requirements: Must have reliable transportation.

If interested, please send your cover letter and resume to Brian Kunkel, Extension Ornamentals IPM Specialist, bakunkel@udel.edu. Compensation and other pertinent details will be discussed during the interview process.