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Subject: PhD assistantship: plant-insect interactions @U of Wyoming

Graduate student assistantship to study plant-insect interactions

The Plant Sciences department at the University of Wyoming is recruiting a PhD student to conduct research exploring the ecology of plant-insect interactions in cropping systems. The project will focus on plant defenses against the alfalfa weevil and will include both greenhouse and field components. The student will serve as a teaching assistant for both face-to-face classes as well as distance-based online education in the department. This assistantship specifically supports under-represented domestic minority students, specifically American-born or naturalized citizens of African-American, Hispanic/Latino, American-Indian/Alaskan native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or Asian descent. The student will be mentored in the areas of research, teaching, public outreach, and career development. More broadly, support and community are present at the University through Multicultural Affairs, including the Multicultural Resource Center and a suite of student organizations, and the Women in Math, Science & Engineering (WiMSE) program. In addition to the department's PhD degree in Agronomy, the University of Wyoming also offers an interdisciplinary PhD program in Ecology.

Required qualifications are a BS in biology, ecology, entomology, and agronomy, or a related field, independent research experience, demonstrated excellence in oral and written communication, and a valid driver's license, given necessary research travel throughout the state. Preferred qualifications are a MS degree in the fields listed above, and experience and interest in working with plants, insects, and agriculture. **Interested applicants should contact Dr. Randa Jabbour with any questions or for information on how to apply (rjabbour@uwyo.edu, 307-766-3439). Application review will begin January 15, 2017.** Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Preferred start date is May 2017.

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Sincerely,

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