



American Samoa Community College
Agriculture Community & Natural Resources Division
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: Entomology Technician (Research)
Employment Status: Full Time 12 months (Contract)

General Description:

Under the direct supervision of the Entomologist, the Entomology Technician will help plan and implement field and laboratory projects to develop and extend effective, environmentally-sound strategies to manage insect pests in American Samoa, focusing in this case primarily on the invasive little fire ant.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Carry out sampling, baiting, and trapping protocols in the field to detect and monitor little fire ants and other insects
- Assist with little fire ant control operations
- Record data from field sampling, baiting and observations
- Clean, maintain, and repair project facilities, equipment, tools, and vehicles
- Provide feedback to Entomologist and Research Assistant on problems encountered and suggest ways to improve project operations
- Assist with field collection, preparation, and preservation of insect specimens
- Assist with general laboratory operations related to the project
- Assist Entomologist and Research Assistants with demonstrations and presentations
- Perform other duties as assigned by Entomologist

Minimum Qualifications:

- High School Diploma
- Ability to work effectively with minimal supervision either individually or on a team
- Good observational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to do delicate manipulations of small, fragile objects such as preserved insect or plant specimens;
- Good oral and written communication skills in Samoan and English
- Strength and stamina to conduct moderately strenuous field work
- Ability to safely operate manual transmission vehicle, weed eater, rototiller, backpack sprayer, hoe, spade, and bush knife

Preferred Qualifications:

- Demonstrated interest in science and agriculture
- Hands-on experience growing major crops of American Samoa
- Ability to identify common cultivated and wild plants of American Samoa
- Carpentry skills
- Proficiency in proper use of pesticides

Salary Range: GS 12/05-07: \$16,373.00 - \$17,673.00 per annum

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office 699-9155 Ext. 456/466/460, <http://www.amsamoa.edu/employmentopportunities.html> or by emailing ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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