

Beekeeping Technician Opportunity
AUBURN UNIVERSITY BEE LAB

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Beekeeping Technician

Title: Research Assistant III/IV or Research Associate I/II/III/IV

Appointment status: Full-time

Term length: Two years, with possibility of annual extensions depending on performance and funding

Starting annual salary range: \$55,000 - \$75,000

Application deadline: Review of applications will begin on **1 August 2023**; the position will remain open until a suitable candidate is identified

Start date: 1 September 2023 or soon thereafter

Job Summary: The Auburn University Bee Lab seeks a highly motivated individual to lead our beekeeping team. Most work will occur within a 1-hour drive of Auburn, Alabama; however, some travel to other parts of the state or country may be required; overnight travel will be limited to a few times per year. Questions concerning the position should be directed to Dr. Geoff Williams (williams@auburn.edu); please include 'Honey Bee Technician' in the subject header.

Essential functions:

- Lead beekeeping operations that involves appropriately managing 200-400 colonies for research and extension activities
- Build, operate, and repair beekeeping equipment (e.g., equipment for honey extraction, feeding pumps, forklifts, woodenware)
- Possess, or ability to possess, a pesticide applicators license
- Direct junior technicians and undergraduate students, and provide mentorship and skills development
- Support field and laboratory experiments, especially alongside post-doctoral scientists and graduate students
- Communicate to stakeholders through hands-on workshops and classroom presentations
- Work under challenging conditions (e.g., ability to lift >60 lbs and operate in hot/humid conditions with stinging insects)

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Minimum requirements

Education level: A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution

Field of study: Agriculture, Entomology, Biology, or related natural or social sciences field

Areas of experience: Experience and foundational knowledge concerning honey bee biology and management. Several years of sideline or commercial beekeeping experience, especially concerning swarm management, splitting, queen rearing, disease and nutrition management, and honey production. Experience using woodworking tools (e.g., power tools like table saws, circular saws, and drill presses), as well as ability to troubleshoot and solve the practical and organizational problems involved in beekeeping and research (e.g., equipment setup and maintenance, scheduling, and planning for weather and contingencies).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSITION AND TO APPLY

PLEASE VISIT: <https://www.auemployment.com/postings/39244>

Only applications submitted via the Auburn University Human Resources page will be considered.

Required application documents:

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Contact information for 3 references
4. Copies of post-secondary transcripts or other relevant qualifications

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The University: Classified as a Carnegie R1 university, Auburn University is a public flagship land-grant institution with a student enrollment of more than 30,000. The University provides instruction in approximately 70 academic departments and performs graduate research and public service across a variety of program areas. The University is located in the city of Auburn in east-central Alabama, near the metropolitan areas of Birmingham, AL and Atlanta, GA, as well as scenic escapes like the southern Appalachians and the Gulf of Mexico.

The Department: The Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology is administered by the University's historic College of Agriculture. It houses over 20 faculty, 5 support staff, and more than 50 graduate students, all of whom work towards executing the University's research, instruction, and outreach missions. Additional information can be found at <http://enpp.auburn.edu>.

The Laboratory: The University's Bee Lab, known as AU-BEES, consists of five graduate students supported by three faculty members, one post-doctoral research associate, one laboratory manager, five technicians, and multiple undergraduate students and local stakeholders. Alongside our collaborators from across the globe, the AU-BEES team works toward promoting the health of bees through various research, instruction, and outreach activities. Additional information can be found at <http://aub.ie/bees>.