

Full-Time Summer Biological Control Technician Positions with the USDA

Appointment Length: Mid May - End of August 2022. Dates are flexible.

Work Schedule: Full-Time (40 hrs/wk).

Salary Range: \$15.43-\$19.39 per hour, depending on level of education or experience.

Benefits: Annual, sick leave, and holiday time included. Health insurance is available if needed.

Position Description: This position will be located at the USDA APHIS Forest Pest Methods Laboratory located on the Joint Base Cape Cod in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts working with Drs. Christine Dodge and Juli Gould. Our lab specializes in biological control of invasive forest insects such as polyphagous shot hole borer, emerald ash borer, Asian longhorned beetle, and spotted lanternfly. These jobs entail a variety of both laboratory and field work to support scientific research. In the laboratory the incumbent will maintain colonies of insects (both pests and natural enemies), collect and record data for experimental studies, and help maintain a clean and safe working environment. Work in the field will involve traveling to various field sites in Massachusetts, setting up insect traps and collecting live or dead insects from those traps. It will also be necessary to collect plant material for rearing insects. **Three positions are available**, with one position being more lab-oriented and two positions requiring more fieldwork.

A valid driver's license and a willingness to drive are required. Vehicles for field work or mileage reimbursement will be provided.

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Application: Please send a letter of interest and your resume to Christine Dodge (Christine.Dodge@usda.gov). Use the email Subject line "Summer Biological Control Technician Position". We will be accepting rolling applications and scheduling interviews as applications are received until the positions are filled.