

M.S. Assistantship available to study a systems approach to organic fruit production



Interested in organic fruit production, IPM, pollinators, and sustainable agriculture? The UW-Madison Wisconsin Fruit group is currently looking for a highly qualified and motivated individual who wishes to pursue a MS degree in sustainable organic fruit crop production. The project will assess the impact of mulches on day-neutral strawberry production, focusing on fruit quality and yield and insect pests and pollinators, and will be conducted in collaboration with researchers at the University of Minnesota.

The position will be at the University of Wisconsin in Madison jointly advised by Drs. <u>Amaya Atucha</u> in the Department of Horticulture and <u>Christelle Guédot</u> in the Department of Entomology. The Atucha and Guédot labs have very active research and extension programs and work directly with fruit growers in the state and beyond. For more information, visit the <u>Wisconsin Fruit Program</u>.

Qualifications: Interested candidates should possess a B.S. degree in horticulture, entomology, biology, or other related fields. The candidate is expected to work independently and within a team, and have excellent verbal and written communication skills. The student should be prepared to work with laboratory assays and do intensive field work. Strong work ethic and the ability to work outdoors for extended periods of time are a must. The assistantship includes an RA stipend, full tuition waiver, and health insurance benefits.



Deadline for application: Review of applications will begin immediately, and will continue until the position is filled.

Start Date: The successful candidate is expected to start in January 2022.

Application materials: Interested applicants should submit 1) a current CV including GPA (GRE scores are not required), 2) unofficial transcripts, 3) a cover letter stating your research interests, experience, and career goals, and 4) contact information for three references to Amaya Atucha atucha@wisc.edu and Christelle Guédot at guedot@wisc.edu.

UW-Madison is an affirmative action/equal employment employer and we encourage women, minorities, veterans, and people with disabilities to apply. The Atucha and Guédot labs are committed to recruiting, supporting, and mentoring members of diverse backgrounds and

experiences. To learn more about the Guédot lab and our lab culture, visit the <u>Guédot Fruit Crop Entomology Laboratory</u>.

More information on the application process and the Entomology Department can be found on the UW-Madison <u>Entomology website</u> or on the <u>Horticulture website</u>. Applicants interested in agroecology should visit the UW-Madison <u>Agroecology Program</u>.