

INSTITUTO DE ECOLOGIA A.C. (INECOL) ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESEARCH POSITION

INECOL is a publicly funded Mexican institution whose mandate is to carry out research and train professionals on the biological diversity of Mexico and its conservation.

INECOL invites applications for the following position. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

RESEARCH SCIENTIST IN TAXONOMY, BIODIVERSITY, LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY AND INSECT ECOLOGY ON DUNG AND CARRION BEETLES

Position Title: Researcher (Titular A)

Employment Status: Full-time tenure-track position, 12 months (renewable for three years until tenure). Positions may be renewable depending upon performance and funding. INECOL is committed to diversity in its staff, faculty, and student body, and invites all qualified people to apply.

General Description: The successful candidate will work in the Eco-ethology Network integrating laboratory and field studies on taxonomy, biodiversity, landscape ecology and insect ecology with emphasis in dung and carrion beetles, cooperating with the Network researchers as well as other INECOL researchers interested in this subject.

Responsibilities:

- Integrate taxonomy, biodiversity, landscape ecology and insect ecology studies in relation with mating, sexual and nesting behavior in dung and carrion beetles (Coleoptera: Scarabaeinae and Silphidae).
- Foster regional adoption of successful sustainable dung beetle management programs among local cattle ranchers.
- Participate in studies on physiological adaptations of this insect group to landscapes modified through anthropogenic activities, in collaboration with national and international scientists.
- Participate in postgraduate training of students in the INECOL Masters and Doctorate programs.
- Seek and obtain competitive grants to fund research.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Biology with a doctoral degree in Biodiversity, Ecology and Sustainable Development.
- A Postdoctoral position in a national or international University or in a Research Center.
- Experience working with live dung beetles in both the laboratory and natural ecosystems.
- Experience on taxonomy of dung and carrion beetles (Scarabaeinae and Silphidae).
- Experience living and working in Latin America is required.
- Spanish fluency (language of instruction), both oral and writing, is required.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Skills and ability in constructing and working in multidisciplinary teams.
- A driving license.
- Willingness to perform on-farm research.
- Authorship or co-authorship of 5-7 peer-reviewed scientific publications in specialized international journals with impact factor, with at least 3 of these published in the last 3 years.

Application Procedure

Applicants should submit a cover letter describing their qualifications for the position, a copy of their *curriculum vitae*, and contact information for three references including their phone numbers and e-mail addresses. References will be contacted only for the finalist candidates. Review of applications will begin with the publication of the search and continue until 30 June 2011. The selected individual should be willing to begin by 1 October 2011. Please send all documents as PDF or Word files to:

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