

Position – Tick Entomologist, Suffolk County, New York

Suffolk County is seeking qualified candidates for a tick entomologist position. The tick entomologist will be expected to lead the efforts to develop a county-wide tick control program including:

- Designing and executing a county-wide tick monitoring plan
- Collecting data and supplying analysis products on tick populations, distribution, infection rates and seasonal dynamics
- Leading the development of an environmental review and possible environmental impact statement for county-wide control efforts
- Providing technical advice to cooperators such as townships, civic groups, state parks, non-government organizations, and private pest control operators
- Maintaining collaborations with local and state health departments, academic institutions, Cornell Cooperative extension, and private industry
- Participating in operational research, grant writing, and field trials

Skills and abilities:

- Broad knowledge of tick ecology and biology
- Extensive experience with tick sampling and population monitoring
- Experience with using GIS, statistical software, and grant writing
- Ability to communicate effectively with diverse audiences
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal, and writing skills
- Ability to engage in field-based projects and activities to meet program needs
- Ability to obtain and maintain NYS driver's and pesticide applicator licenses

Education:

- Master's degree in entomology, ecology, or related discipline with at least 2 years of experience
- PhD in entomology, ecology or related discipline preferred

Salary and benefits:

- Starting annual salary is \$54,549; after a 12 month probationary period the salary is increased to approximately \$60,000; the current top grade salary is \$88,662 and may be adjusted for inflation

- This is an open competitive position which will require taking a civil service test subject to Suffolk County Civil Service rules and regulations
- Suffolk County offers an outstanding benefits package including paid vacation and holidays, pension plan, and low cost medical insurance
- Suffolk County Government is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

General information:

Suffolk County occupies the eastern two thirds of Long Island about 1 hour east of New York City. The area offers exceptional professional opportunities for medical entomologists, as well as diverse recreational, educational, and cultural environments. Suffolk County is renowned for 100 public beaches located along nearly 1,000 miles of marine coastline, an extensive park system, top rated schools and universities, wineries, and farms.

To apply:

Please send cover letter and CV/resume with two references and their contact information to:

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