



## Postdoctoral Researcher at LSU

**Work Location:** Department of Entomology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

**Position Description:** The Sun Lab at Louisiana State University is seeking a postdoctoral researcher for an NSF-funded project focused on the plasticity of desiccation resistance in subterranean termites. This research will involve analyzing cuticular hydrocarbons and other physiological traits, as well as utilizing molecular biology tools such as RNA-Seq and RNAi, to determine the acclimation capacity and mechanisms of desiccation resistance in various termite species. Some objectives of the work will be conducted in collaboration with Dr. Henry Chung (Michigan State University) and Dr. Thomas Chouvenc (University of Florida). The candidate is also expected to mentor undergraduate students and participate in outreach activities.

**Qualifications:** This position requires a motivated and independent scientist with a Ph.D. in biology, entomology or a relevant field. The candidate should possess skills in molecular biology or bioinformatics. Research experience with social insects or insect stress biology is preferred but not required.

**Salary and Benefits:** Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits.

**Start Date:** The selected candidate may start as soon as the selection process is complete, or on a mutually agreed-upon later date. The initial appointment is for one year, with the possibility of renewal for a second and third year.

**Application Deadline:** December 1, 2024, or until a suitable candidate is identified.

**Application Procedures:** Apply online at <https://lsu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/LSU> (posting number R00094741) (or through Workday for internal applicants) by attaching files containing a curriculum vita, a statement of research experience and interests, official university transcripts, and the names and contact information of three references. Candidates are welcome to contact Dr. Sun for questions about the position:

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