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Position Announcement

POSITION –Post Doctoral, Molecular Phylogeneticist--Department of Entomology, University of Kentucky, Post-Doctorate Position

LOCATION –University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky.

EFFECTIVE DATE – Screening of applicant's materials is effective immediately (February 1, 2005), and will continue until the position is filled.

SALARY –Commensurate with experience.

POST-DOCTORATE – MOLECULAR PHYLOGENETICIST. Dr. Michael J. Sharkey at the University of Kentucky is seeking a candidate to fill a 2-year position, with possibility of renewal. The position is funded in part by the Hymenoptera Assembling the Tree of Life project (National Science Foundation, EF-0337220).

The successful candidate will focus on the goals of the Tree of Life Project for the Hymenoptera, which aims to elucidate the phylogeny of this incredibly diverse order. Primary responsibilities include DNA extraction, PCR amplification, primer design, sequencing and sequence analysis in Hymenoptera, primarily of the family Braconidae. Other responsibilities include managing undergraduate employees in the molecular lab, collaborating with other members of the Hymenoptera Assembling the Tree of Life Project, interacting with graduate students, and general lab maintenance.

Our project goal is to construct a large-scale phylogenetic analysis of the Hymenoptera. Solving taxonomic problems within the Hymenoptera will aid researchers in many biological fields, because members of the Hymenoptera have a large impact on ecosystem function and our everyday lives. Further project information, list of collaborators and project proposal may be found at <http://www.hymatol.org>. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest along with a curriculum vita, and a list of three references containing telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail to: Dr. Michael J. Sharkey, Department of Entomology, S-227 Ag. Sci. N., University of Kentucky, Lexington KY 40546-0091, Tel (859) 257-9364, Fax (859) 323-1120, (email msharkey@uky.edu).