



American Samoa Community College
Agriculture Community & Natural Resources Division
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: Research Assistant I Entomology
Employment Status: Full-Time 12 months (Career Service)

General Description:

Reporting directly to the Senior Researcher, the Research Assistant I supports efforts to improve pest management practices in American Samoa through scientific research and community outreach. Duties include conducting field and laboratory experiments, gathering and documenting research data, insect surveys, collaborating with local stakeholders, and ensuring the upkeep of research sites, tools, and equipment.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Implement laboratory and field protocols for insect research - including field plot establishment and management; pesticide application; pest surveys; and insect collection and rearing
- Gather and record data on insect densities, crop and environmental conditions, and other ecological parameters affecting harmful and beneficial insects. Clean and maintain research equipment, tools, vehicles, and laboratory premises
- Communicate with farmers, agency officials, other extension clients, students, and other members of the community about entomology research
- Construct cages, shelves, and other research apparatuses
- Conduct field collection, preparation, and preservation of arthropod specimens for ASCC entomology reference and research collection
- Other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- Associate's degree in biology, agriculture, natural resources, environmental sciences or related
- One year experience in agriculture, entomology, natural resources or related field
- Good attention to detail in observing and describing crop conditions, insects, damage symptoms, and other relevant information
- Must communicate effectively in written and spoken Samoan and English and use culturally appropriate dress, speech, and action when interacting with clients, colleagues, and the general public
- Must be capable of moderately strenuous work outdoors under adverse weather conditions
- Basic computer skills

Preferred Qualifications:

- Demonstrated interest in science and agriculture
- Experience with major crops of American Samoa and knowledge of native plants

Salary Range: GS-10/02-06: \$ 21,387.00 - \$ 25,027.00 per annum

Application Deadline: August 31st, 2026 no later than 4:00pm

Applications are available from American Samoa Community College, Human Resources Office 699-9155 Ext. 456/466/460, 699-2722 ext 3601/3602/3603/3604/3605/3606,
<http://www.amsamoa.edu/employmentopportunities.html> or by emailing ascchumanresources@amsamoa.edu.

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