

Graduate Research Assistantship starting January 2023 with UNL's Tribal Extension Office & Civic Entomology Lab

A highly motivated candidate is sought to pursue an MS degree in entomology focused on Indigenous food sovereignty at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Lincoln, Nebraska, USA.

Apply by November 15, 2022

The successful candidate will receive a 2-year assistantship with stipend and full tuition. This candidate will serve as the program coordinator for Nebraska Extension's Indigenous Youth Food Sovereignty Program and participate in research that supports discovery in uniting Indigenous knowledge about the traditional relationship with grandmother earth (uncil maka), plant and insect relatives, with western One Health concepts (human-animal-plant-environmental relationships) in a community garden setting. This position will begin in the Spring 2023 semester.

Applicant must:

- have a B.S. in horticulture, entomology or related biological field
- meet Entomology M.S. requirements for graduate admission at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The ideal individual for this position:

- has background in horticulture (preferred) and entomology
- has strong interest in and respect for Indigenous cultures
- has strong interest in collaborating with individuals from different cultures and disciplines
- can provide examples of being self-motivated
- can provide examples of having worked well independently and with a team

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Nebraska Extension's Tribal Extension Office builds relationships and partnerships between Nebraska Extension and Native American communities and organizations through the Native American Coalition (NAC). **The Civic Entomology Lab** is a NAC member and focuses on building community-focused collaborative experiences to help the public achieve positive human, animal and environmental health outcomes. Learn more at nativecoalition.unl.edu and civcentomologylab.unl.edu.

Application process:

- **Apply** to the UNL Graduate College for the Spring 2023 semester **by November 15, 2022:**
 - <https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/admissions/steps>
 - This application requires 3 letters of recommendation and a resume or curriculum vitae (CV)
- In the application letter to Dr. Louise Lynch-O'Brien, please include the following:
 - Describe your previous interactions, if any, with Native American communities and culture.
 - Describe your previous horticultural experience, if any, such as work with community, pollinator, urban, or other gardens.
 - This MS degree will focus on indigenous ways of knowing and human-insect-plant (One Health) relationships. What are your future goals and how might this degree help you accomplish them?
 - Anything else you feel is important for us to know about you.
- If emailing questions, please utilize this email subject line: "Application for MS degree with Civic Ento Lab."

The University of Nebraska is a public, land-grant institution with campuses and programs across the State that reside on the past, present, and future homelands of the Pawnee, Ponca, Oto-Missouria, Omaha, Dakota, Lakota, Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Kaw Peoples, as well as the relocated Ho Chunk (Winnebago), Iowa, and Sac and Fox Peoples. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is located in a vibrant city of nearly 300,000 people with many of the same cultural and entertainment benefits as larger cities, but with the feel of a friendly Midwestern community. Lincoln is easy to get to with two nearby municipal airports (Lincoln-LNK and Omaha-OMA), an Amtrak Station in downtown Lincoln and access to major roadways such as I-80. Learn more at <https://admissions.unl.edu/visit/lincoln/>.



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