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To: Prospective PhD Students
From: The Department of Entomology, Texas A&M University
Re: **Travel Grants to visit the Department of Entomology at Texas A&M**

The Department of Entomology at Texas A&M is pleased to announce the availability of travel grants for prospective PhD students. These travel grants, which will be awarded on a competitive basis, will cover the costs of a domestic flight to and from College Station, hotel accommodations while in College Station, plus a *per diem* for meals. The aim of the travel grant is to provide prospective PhD students the opportunity to:

- Interview with faculty and meet current graduate students
- Tour the department and campus to learn about available resources and facilities
- Explore College Station and its surrounding areas

Travel grants will be awarded in early January and travel will be scheduled for February 10-13, 2010. Travel grant awardees will get to spend time together during their visit, thus gaining immediate insights into their future cohort.

Why should you consider obtaining a PhD at Texas A&M University? The Department of Entomology at Texas A&M has more than one hundred years of rich history and it is the largest Entomology program in the United States. It has a strong mixture of nationally and internationally recognized junior and senior faculty working on a diverse range of basic and applied research, spanning genetics, genomics, medical/veterinary entomology, physiology, behavior, ecology, biocontrol, integrated pest management, evolution, systematics, and urban entomology (*to learn about our faculty visit: <http://insects.tamu.edu/people/faculty/>*). Support for graduate study is available through multiple sources, including departmental research and teaching assistantships, as well as TAMU Office of Graduate Studies and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Fellowships. Texas A&M University is positioned in beautiful Blackland Prairie and Post Oak Savannah habitat, which supports a magnificent insect fauna and a wealth of research opportunities. Its location also provides a good base for access to a broad range of habitats and research sites. Additionally, its close proximity to Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio offers a cultural component to a whole graduate experience.

How to apply? *To be considered for a travel grant*, prospective PhD students first need to contact Rebecca Hapes, the Senior Academic Advisor (email: rhapes@tamu.edu; phone: (979 845-9733). *To receive a travel grant*, an official Graduate Application package must be submitted to the Department. For additional information about the Department and the graduate application process please visit: <http://insects.tamu.edu/>

The closing date for consideration is December 18, 2009

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