

**PhD Graduate Student Assistantship in Citrus Pathology at the University of Florida, Southwest Florida
Research and Education Center, Immokalee, Florida**

The Citrus Pathology program at the University of Florida, Southwest Florida Research and Education Center located in Immokalee, is seeking a highly motivated PhD graduate student/assistant to work on basic and applied aspects of citrus pathogens including citrus greening (Huanglongbing), a bacterial disease that is devastating the citrus industry in the United States and several other major citrus-producing countries. This is a graduate student assistantship with stipend plus tuition. The successful candidate will be working on the campus of the Southwest Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee (<http://swfrec.ifas.ufl.edu>), which is located about 30 miles northeast of Naples and 30 miles east of Fort Myers, two beautiful cities on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

The successful candidate will join a research team of citrus pathologists, physiologists, horticulturists, and agricultural engineers whose goal is to develop delivery techniques of therapeutics into citrus vasculature. Citrus diseases caused by other pathogens and citrus tree physiology may also be investigated. Position responsibilities include but are not limited to developing and testing research hypothesis, designing and executing laboratory, greenhouse and field experiments, collecting data, performing statistical analysis, writing reports, and publishing results in peer-reviewed journals.

Applicants must have excellent oral and writing communication skills. Candidates with experience in pathology and/or physiology related subjects and a desire to conduct applied research in the field are preferred and encouraged to apply.

The full-time position is available for the Spring term beginning January, 2019. Screening of applications will begin on December 1, 2018 and continue until the position is filled.

To apply, please submit to Ozgur Batuman at obatuman@ufl.edu

- Current C.V. with contact information (e-mail address, phone number) for a minimum of three references
- Cover letter explaining your interest in the position, specific skills and knowledge that will contribute to the position, and your career goals.

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