Insect-Microbial Interactions (IMI)
National Needs Graduate Fellowships
Department of Entomology, University of Georgia

Do you like insects? Are you interested in learning more about how microbes might affect the ecology, evolution, and impact of insects? We are seeking motivated students interested in insect-microbial interactions (IMI) for USDA NIFA-funded Ph.D. and M.S. graduate fellowships. Come work with world-class faculty members in a interdisciplinary department.

The IMI NNF graduate fellows will not only be pursuing excellent research, they will have the opportunity to explore potential career paths by participating in a professional placement during their degree program. Placements will be with industry, government, regulatory agencies, or extension, depending on a student’s interest.

**Participating Faculty:**

- **Gaelen Burke**
  evolutionary genetics and genomics (Athens campus)

- **Trish Moore**
  insect evolutionary ecology, behavior and reproduction (Athens campus)

- **Kerry Oliver**
  evolution and ecological consequences of associations between insects and heritable microbes (Athens campus)

- **Ash Sial**
  biochemistry and genetics of invasive species in the development of management strategies (Athens campus)

- **Bill Snyder**
  natural solutions to conservation and sustainable agriculture (Athens campus)

**Interested?** Contact Dr. Trish Moore (pjmoore@uga.edu) or see [https://ent.uga.edu/graduate/imi-fellowships.html](https://ent.uga.edu/graduate/imi-fellowships.html) for further information.

- **Babu Srinivasan**
  basic and applied research on insect transmitted plant viruses (Griffin campus)

- **Michael Strand**
  insect physiology and behavior, particularly the interaction among insects and their microbial symbionts (Athens campus)

- **Mike Toews**
  basic and applied ecology and strategies for sustainable pest management (Tifton campus)

- **Kevin Vogel**
  bioinformatics approaches to insect physiology and the interaction between insects and their microbial symbionts (Athens campus)

UGA’s Graduate School and the Department of Entomology are committed to promoting diversity by encouraging the enrollment of students from historically underrepresented groups including race/ethnicity, gender, and first generation. Application fee waivers are available to qualifying students.