

Ph. D. Graduate Assistantship Position Available in Agricultural Nematology at Michigan State University (MSU)

The Agricultural Nematology Laboratory (ANL) in the Department of Horticulture is seeking applicants for a Ph. D. position to work on nematode parasitic variability and specificity of nematode-microbe interactions in cropping systems. The project will use the northern root-knot nematode (*Meloidogyne hapla*) as a model system and work from laboratory to field conditions and organismal to ecosystem levels. An M.S. degree in nematology or related fields will be required. Skills to identify nematode trophic groups to family/genus level and/or experience with nematode-microbe interactions at any level will be an advantage. The position starts January 2018 and the selected applicant will be appointed at a half-time graduate assistantship level, with health and tuition paid for in accordance with MSU Graduate School standards.

Interested persons should email **pdf** of: a) an application letter, b) an up-to-date *Vita*, c) statement of professional goals and objectives (one page maximum), d) names and contact information of three references, and e) copies of up to three pertinent publications and Thesis abstract to Dr. Haddish Melakeberhan at melakebe@msu.edu. Please put “Application for ANL Ph. D. Position” on the Subject Line. Instructions for video interview will follow after initial screening. The selected applicant will be asked to formally apply for admission to MSU and fulfill all of the Graduate School admission requirements. Applications will be accepted through October 3rd, 2017 or until a suitable candidate is found. MSU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.