The lab of Dr. Sarah Adcock, within the Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is seeking a Postdoctoral Research Associate. The successful candidate will work on an interdisciplinary and collaborative USDA-funded project that aims to improve awareness and knowledge of Black Soldier Fly (BSF) farming in the Midwest. The postdoc will facilitate learning and support decisions about whether to adopt this practice on small-scale poultry farms in the Midwest. Most of the effort will be spent developing and managing an on-campus BSF larval colony, and evaluating the nutritional quality, environmental sustainability, and economic viability of BSF larvae raised on locally sourced agricultural and consumer waste streams. The successful candidate will also develop an outreach program aimed at delivering multi-modal training materials on BSF farming to small-scale poultry farmers.

The expected start date is Spring 2024. The position duration is 2 years with an annual salary of $55,000. Preference will be given to applicants with a PhD in an entomology- and/or animal science-related discipline. This position will require attention to detail, leadership abilities, strong ability to work independently, problem-solving skills, and a passion for hands-on work and caring for research animals. Previous experience with BSF is not necessary, but desired. Candidates must possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills to work effectively in our team, as well as a willingness to learn new methods and techniques as the project evolves. This Postdoctoral Research Associate position is ideal for candidates looking to contribute to innovative research linking environmental sustainability, food waste reduction, and animal feed, with time to publish scientific papers, contribute to an interdisciplinary team, and train at an R1 research institution.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, full CV, and contact information of three professional references to Dr. Sarah Adcock at sarah.adcock@wisc.edu. Applications will be reviewed as received, and the position will remain open until filled. The lab is committed to providing an inclusive and supportive environment and encourages candidates of diverse backgrounds to apply.

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