



**ENTOMOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY OF AMERICA**  
SHARING INSECT SCIENCE GLOBALLY

## **Request for Proposal**

### **PHEFA LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SUMMER INTENSIVE**

The Entomological Society of America (ESA) is looking to partner with a vector control district or Regional Center of Excellence to foster a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive profession by introducing entomology to high school students from local Title 1 schools.

#### **About ESA**

The Entomological Society of America (ESA) is a nonprofit organization that serves the scientific and professional needs of entomologists and scientists in related disciplines throughout the world. We are a small staff of 18 people, and our core values include inclusiveness, collaboration, experimentation, accountability, and customer service. ESA is committed to increasing diversity, inclusion, and equity with the Society and entomological profession.

#### **Background**

In 2021, ESA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Vector Borne Disease Division (CDC) entered into a Cooperative Agreement to create Public Health Entomology for all (PHEFA) a workforce development program to recruit students from Minority Serving Institutions and introduce them to public health entomology. The 2022 inaugural class of six interns and two fellows began working at CDC facilities in Summer 2022.

In 2022, PHEFA will grow to include a two-week summer intensive for up to ten high school students hosted by local vector control districts or Regional Center of Excellences (Hosts).

#### **Scope of Work**

Host sites will:

- Introduce students to the study of insects;
- Train students in basic lab techniques relevant to the study of insects;
- Provide field experience in insect collection, study, and management;
- Support ESA's efforts to administer the program;
- Allow interns to attend meetings with ESA and other entomologists;
- Provide feedback regarding the recruitment and selection of students;

#### **Commitment Term**

Two weeks during the summer of 2023.

#### **Compensation**

Hosts will receive \$500 per student

#### **RFP Process and Due Dates**

August 1: ESA will disseminate invitations to submit proposals

September 1: Proposals due to ESA

September 1-8: ESA will evaluate proposals and selects finalists

September 12-16: Finalists to meet with ESA.

September 19: ESA selects partner

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Ability to create and maintain a safe and engaging environment in which students will learn the basics of insect science for two weeks.
- Commitment to educating underserved communities

**Requirements for proposal**

To be considered, please provide the following information:

1. Contact Information
  - a. Name of facility
  - b. Address
  - c. Point of Contact
    - i. Phone number
    - ii. Email address
2. Identify and describe potential academic, field, and lab experiences.
3. Please describe your facility's experience engaging with underserved communities.
4. Please describe recent experience hosting high school students.

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