

Research Curator of Insects
Texas Natural Science Center, University of Texas, Austin

The Texas Natural Science Center (TNSC) seeks a Curator of Insects with a broad research program. The appointment is 100% in the TNSC, which has strong ties to the Department of Integrative Biology. The TNSC collections include insects and cave arthropods, fish, amphibians, reptiles, and genomic resources. A Ph.D. in a natural science field is required by the start date of the appointment. The position is a research staff appointment. The Curator will:

- Develop an externally funded, collection-based research program in biodiversity, including ecology, evolution, and systematics; some emphasis on the Texas insect or cave arthropod fauna is desirable. The research program should be at the forefront of the field and complement existing strengths in Department of Integrative Biology. With approval of the faculty, the candidate may be admitted to the Graduate Faculty (non-tenure track) and supervise graduate students in the Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior Graduate program. The candidate will contribute to interdisciplinary initiatives of the College of Natural Sciences.
- Oversee the accessioning, georeferencing, and general curation of the collections, including securing external support, development and maintenance of electronic databases, processing of loans, compliance with regulations and permits, and pest management. It is highly desirable that the candidate has substantial curatorial experience with insect and general arthropod collections in a natural history museum setting. Required curatorial skills include attention to detail, management, communication, and professional interaction with the University, public, governmental and research communities.
- Manage and guide the growth of the collections and associated resources including archives, databases, and genomic resources.
- Engage in the teaching mission of the University. Although the appointment as Curator within the TNSC is 100%, the candidate is encouraged to teach courses in the Department of Integrative Biology (which may include Entomology and Field Entomology) and to enhance academic relationships with the Department.
- Contribute to exhibits, outreach, and informal education initiatives of the TNSC.
- Contribute to service activities at the University, state, and national level.

Applicants should provide one pdf file that includes the following: (1) curriculum vitae; (2) pdfs of three representative publications; (3) statement that addresses current and future research, curatorial experience, and teaching experience and philosophy; and (4) contact information for three references. The pdf should be emailed to Margaret Fischer, mfischer@austin.utexas.edu.

Review of applications will begin on 1 December 2013 and continue until a suitable applicant is identified. Contact David Cannatella (catfish@austin.utexas.edu) for further information.

The University of Texas at Austin is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer. This is a security-sensitive position. A criminal history background check will be required for finalist(s) under consideration for this position.