

## **Graduate student assistantships available to study insect ecology**

I currently have funding for research assistantships to support graduate students pursuing either MS or PhD degrees in the Department of Entomology at Purdue University. My lab, in general, studies the ecology of insects in agricultural systems focusing on the dynamic interactions linking plants, herbivores, and natural enemies such as predators and parasitoid wasps. Recent projects include ant-aphid mutualisms, interspecific competition, plant responses to insect herbivory, above-belowground interactions, and herbivore behavioral responses to predation-risk. Specific topics of study are flexible. Successful candidates should have strong interests, and preferably research background and/or relevant coursework, in ecology, entomology, or agriculture. Starting date is flexible, but Fall 2010 is preferred.

For additional information visit the following websites:

Kaplan Lab: <http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/ecolab>

Purdue Entomology: <http://www.entm.purdue.edu/>

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, resume, unofficial transcript, GRE scores, and names and contact information for 3 references to Ian Kaplan ([ikaplan@purdue.edu](mailto:ikaplan@purdue.edu)). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.