

**Vision, Mission and Core Values**  
Department of Entomology, University of Kentucky

**Vision**

- To be among the strongest research, extension, and graduate education programs in Entomology in the nation.

**Mission**

- Establishing a creative environment that fosters innovative, creative, and productive faculty, staff, and students.
- Developing high impact extension, teaching and research programs that address the needs of the citizens of Kentucky, the nation, and the world.
- Recruiting and training outstanding graduate students and post-doctoral scholars who are highly competitive for quality professional positions.
- Maintaining a balance between applied and fundamental research programs.
- Striving for an extramural funding base of competitive federal grants.
- Supporting high publication productivity in respected peer-reviewed journals.

**Core Values**

- We promote high levels of scholarship, achievement, mentorship, and integrity.
- We treat all people with dignity, show acceptance, cooperation, empathy, and promote respect for individuals and resources.
- We promote personal and professional development and diversity of our students, staff, and faculty.
- We adhere to the highest of standards concerning interpersonal interactions, respect all team members, promote enthusiastic participation and open communication.
- We strive for continuous improvement in our programs and success of our students.
- We promote collaborations among members of the department, CAFE, UK, national and international communities.