



## ASUHIC Research Opportunities for Undergraduate Students

ASUHIC actively and continuously engages and recruits motivated undergraduate students who wish to **gain experience in working in a dynamic and diverse scientific research collection**, learn about insect diversity in the collection and in the field, and specialize in the curation, digitization, and identification of specific insect or macroinvertebrate groups represented in our collection.

Prior experience with invertebrates, taxonomy, and collection or lab work are desirable, and a willingness to enroll in General Entomology (BIO 386, offered each Fall semester) and/or great motivation to learn about these practices are preferred.

Participation in our collection and lab can be handled under three complementary arrangements: (1) as a **Volunteer**, typically only during a starting phase that allows students and collection personnel to assess whether they wish to move to a more profound arrangement; (2) for 1-3 semester credits as a course **Undergraduate Research** (BIO 495); or (3) as a **Student Employee** for as many as 20 weekly hours. The latter arrangement is preferred in particular for students who wish to gain experience working for [SCAN - the Southwest Collections of Arthropods Network](#). SCAN is a federally funded collection digitization project that aims to document insect diversity in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico in support of taxonomic and ecological studies.

We maintain a pleasant and respectful working climate in the collection and can accommodate flexible students work schedules. Interested students should contact Dr. Nico Franz at [nico.franz@asu.edu](mailto:nico.franz@asu.edu) with a brief Statement of Interest and information on their relevant study background.