



# We want you! For the NH beekeepers diagnostic network!

**What:** a training opportunity in effective, honeybee pest and disease diagnostic technique.

**Why:** Lack of adequate diagnostics infrastructure in NH can lead to outbreak of disease and insect pests in honeybee colonies. We need willing and skilled beekeepers in NH who can provide guidance to their fellow beekeeper on pest management and diagnosis of disease.

**Where:** Each county will be equipped with a microscope and resources to diagnose major pests and diseases brought in. Through participation in this program you will be trained how to use a microscope and how to do honeybee diseases microscopy.

**How to apply:** All applicants must fill out the questionnaire and include a letter of interest (no longer than 1-page) indicating why they would like to be part of the NH Honey Bee Diagnostics Network to [Olivia.Saunders@unh.edu](mailto:Olivia.Saunders@unh.edu) by January 31, 2018. Applications will be reviewed by the NH Beekeepers Association.

After successful completion of the NH Honey Bee Diagnostic Network training, you will be appointed as the Honey Bee Diagnostician for your region. You will be provided a microscope and all necessary resources. You will be expected to make yourself available to beekeepers in your county to help identify and diagnose diseases and provide appropriate management options. This diagnostic work will be accomplished through a combination of apiary visits and honeybee microscopy.

**Commitment:** You will be required to attend a 1-day hands-on training on identifying, diagnosing & managing honeybee diseases and pests. The in person event will be followed by a required online training. This online portion will include visual aids and pest management factsheets, a forum for sharing questions with each other, and continuation of pest and disease diagnostic group discussions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Town & County: \_\_\_\_\_

Beekeeping club(s) you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

Years keeping bees: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hives: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have experience in public speaking/education? \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional qualifications (ie entomology degree, training at EAS, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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