Do you have a favorite way to pull wasps out of ethanol?

Do you dream about antennomere measurements?

Do you want to work with species of agricultural or ecological significance?

The Nastasi Lab at University of Nebraska-Lincoln might be the right fit for your PhD!

I will be starting an insect systematics lab at University of Nebraska–Lincoln this upcoming academic year! Core research areas will include molecular systematics (e.g., DNA barcoding & UCEs) and taxonomy of parasitic Hymenoptera, especially those in gall systems.

I am looking to recruit PhD students to begin Fall 2026. Graduate students in my lab will gain extensive experience in practical taxonomy, next-generation molecular phylogenetics, and insect collections.

## **Desirable qualifications**

- Strong undergraduate- or graduate-level research record in insect systematics
- Wet lab experience including DNA extractions & PCR
- Working knowledge of Hymenoptera morphology
- Experience working with DNA barcodes or UCEs
- Familiarity with insect collections including specimen preparation and management

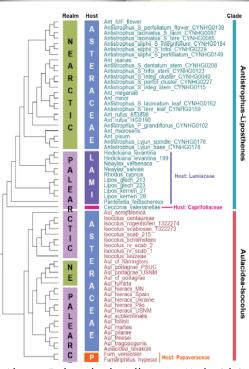
More information on my work can be found at <a href="https://LFNastasi.wordpress.com/">https://LFNastasi.wordpress.com/</a>

Interested students should reach out to me at LFNastasi@gmail.com

Below: The dorsal head of a parasitic wasp in the genus *Ormyrus* 







<u>Above</u>: Robust herb gall wasps (Aulacideini) and their UCE phylogeny (>1,000 loci)

