



# Kaylin KLECKNER



Kaylin Kleckner with mask.

Kaylin Kleckner is a current graduate student who pursued a bachelor's degree in science from the department of Entomology and Nematology from the University of Florida. During her first semester she took an introductory course on entomology in which she took a particular interest in the unit on social insects, after this discovery Kaylin reach out to the Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory and decided to begin volunteering. In this point in her career, she is a first-year doctoral student in Entomology and Nematology and she continues to work doing research for the Honey Bee Research and Extension Lab (HBREL).

Kleckner's work with honey bees started three years ago when she began working HBREL as a volunteer she worked on a variety of tasks around the lab that would aid researchers. She quickly found

an interest in working with honey bees and worked her way into a paid position with the lab and has continued her work with HBREL since. Kleckner emphasizes that volunteers visiting the lab and learning about honey bees is the best way get involved with honey bees through the University of Florida.



The Honey Bee Research and Extension Lab is seen above.

Getting involved in working with Honey Bees can begin with taking an introductory bee keeping class through The University of Florida. Skills you will learn from these classes can then help you transition into volunteering at HBREL and soon you could even have your very own apiary.

“Volunteers are vitally important to the HBREL, I encourage all students at UF who have an interest in Honey Bees to get involved, it is Truly life-changing”

-Kleckner