



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Texas A&M University System and Texas A&M University
Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences
Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

The Texas A&M University System (System) and Texas A&M University (University) invite nominations and applications for the position of Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences and Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The incumbent of this position provides visionary leadership for agricultural programs in the University and the statewide System. The Dean for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences serves Texas A&M University and the Vice Chancellor provides oversight for four statewide System agriculture agencies (Agencies) that include Texas AgriLife Research, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, and Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. The ideal candidate will have the vision, skills and experience to lead complex organizations and to develop and enhance the academic, research, technology, service, and extension missions of the organizations to serve the State of Texas and the nation as a premier Land Grant program in the United States.

Leadership

The roles of the Vice Chancellor and Dean include excellence in:

- Leading the multiple missions of the College and Agencies to enhance the quality of all programs
- Providing visionary guidance, strategic direction, and promotion of excellence in the College in consonance with the University's Vision 2020 Imperatives and within the Agencies in consonance with The Integrative System Plan and System Strategic Plan currently being developed
- Serving as a state and national leader and spokesperson for agriculture, life sciences and the Land Grant system
- Developing collaborative goals, objectives and plans with other System institutional administrators that will ensure educational and program excellence, student service and representation of Texas agriculture and life sciences interests that lead to growth in stature and financial support of System agriculture and life sciences programs
- Expanding relationships with external rural and urban constituencies including agricultural industries, public agencies, and professional associations
- Furthering the diversity of faculty, staff, researchers, and students of the College and the Agencies and nurturing a common sense of purpose
- Fostering an environment that protects academic freedom and stimulates scholarly and professional activity for the faculty and staff
- Raising funds and extramural support to significantly expand the economic foundations of the College and Agencies
- Providing academic and administrative leadership for all academic programs and matters related to faculty and students for the College
- Recruiting, selecting, and supervising four Agency directors, College administrators and department heads and evaluating their performance in accordance with applicable rules and procedures
- Ensuring professional development, career guidance and the highest standard conduct for all faculty and staff of the College and Agencies
- Encouraging and supporting interdisciplinary, multi-agency, and multi-national appointments and collaborations to best serve multiple constituencies including students, faculty and staff, external groups, governmental and legislative entities, natural resource management and conservation organizations, and other key clientele groups
- Coordinating activities with the Dean of Faculties, other Deans, Associate Deans, and Vice Presidents of the University to achieve goals within the broad University mission

- Coordinating Federal and State legislative agendas of the Agencies
- Implementing policies and supporting goals of the Board of Regents, the System Chancellor, and the University President
- Representing the System and Chancellor on agricultural matters and advancing mutually supportive national and international relationships and activities of the College, Agencies, and System members with state, national, and global partners

Opportunity, Quality, Excellence

The Vice Chancellor and Dean administers funds of approximately \$400 million per year. The College has an annual budget of approximately \$31 million, thirteen academic departments, over 300 tenured and tenure-track faculty, 32 majors, 5400 undergraduate students, and 1000 graduate students. The combined agencies have an annual budget of approximately \$350 million, about 3500 employees and facilities throughout the state that fulfill key parts of the land grant mission including extension, research, teaching, and service.

Scope

Texas A&M University, the first public institution of higher learning in Texas, holds membership in the Association of American Universities. The University is composed of ten colleges with 2,858 faculty and an enrollment of 46,542 students, and consistently ranks among the country's top 20 universities in enrollment of National Merit Scholars. The University operates branch campuses in Galveston, Texas, and the state of Qatar and has university centers in Mexico City and Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy. The University ranks 18th among U.S. universities in enrollment of international students (approximately 4,000), from 124 countries. Sponsored research exceeds \$500 million annually, placing Texas A&M University among the top 20 universities nationally. The University has an endowment valued at \$4.4 billion and an annual operating budget of \$1 billion. Texas A&M University recently added 450 new faculty members and is in the midst of a \$1 billion construction program.

The A&M System is one of the largest systems of higher education in the nation, with a statewide network of nine universities, seven state agencies and a comprehensive health science center. The A&M System educates more than 106,000 students and reaches another 15 million people through service each year. With 26,000 faculty and staff, the A&M System has a physical presence in 250 of the state's 254 counties and a programmatic presence in every Texas county. Externally funded research brings almost \$630 million every year to help drive the state's economy.

Additional information about the College and the four Agencies is available at:

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences - <http://aglifesciences.tamu.edu>

Texas AgriLife Research - <http://agresearch.tamu.edu/>

Texas AgriLife Extension Service- <http://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu>

Texas Forest Service - <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu/main/default.aspx>

Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory - <http://tvmdlweb.tamu.edu/>

The Texas A&M System - <http://tamusystem.tamu.edu/>.

Calendar and Contact

The Search Advisory Committee will review applications immediately and select candidates for interviews beginning about June 15, 2008. The search will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Additional information about this position is available online at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/agrilifevcsearch/>. Applicants should submit 1) a letter of interest, 2) a one- to two-page narrative summary of experience, 3) a statement of vision for the College and the Agencies, and 4) a curriculum vitae. Submit all application materials electronically to: vcsearch@ag.tamu.edu

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