

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Posting #TR013015

Title: DIRECTOR AND PROFESSOR

Location: Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Suffolk, Virginia
Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs)

Duties and Responsibilities: The Director is the administrative head of the Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center (TAREC) located in Suffolk, Virginia. The primary responsibility of the Director is to provide leadership and support for excellence in integrated research and Extension programs critical to profitability and sustainability of field crop agriculture and commercial swine production in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Director provides leadership in recruiting and facilitating the professional development of faculty, staff and graduate students; developing and implementing short and long term strategic plans for the Center; managing the Center's human, physical and financial resources; and facilitating teamwork among faculty and staff and collaboration with other units. In addition, the Director is expected to have a research/extension program in an area relevant to the mission of the TAREC.

The Director will maintain a liaison with CALs administration and agricultural leaders in accordance with the AREC's mission and goals. The Director is responsible for annual evaluation of TAREC faculty members and their programs and will collaborate with appropriate academic department heads on tenure and promotion actions. The Director reports administratively to the Director of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station (<http://www.vaes.vt.edu/index.html>). Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Basic Qualifications: An earned Ph.D. in a field related to agriculture is required. The candidate is required to have experience in conducting research and/or Extension programs, and have demonstrated record of scholarly achievement in research and Extension warranting appointment at the rank of a tenured professor. The candidate should have demonstrated strong professional leadership, communication, interpersonal and administrative skills. Required qualifications include experience in obtaining extramural support from commodity and industry groups, governmental agencies and/or Foundations. Previous administrative experience including ability to develop and implement strategic plans is desirable.

Other Information: Tidewater AREC (<http://www.arec.vaes.vt.edu/tidewater/index.html>) is located in Suffolk, Virginia, a diverse, growing community with convenient access to metropolitan areas of Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Newport News while being situated in the rural setting of western Tidewater. The 7 faculty and 17 full time staff at the TAREC specialize in research and extension programs directed at addressing critical issues in production of agronomic crops including cotton, soybean, peanut, corn, sorghum and small grains, and commercial swine production.

CALs is administered by the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Associate Dean and Director of Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies and Director of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Associate Dean of Academic Programs. CALs encompasses 12 on-campus academic departments, 11 Agricultural Research and Extension Centers (AREC) located throughout the Commonwealth, and Virginia Cooperative Extension offices in 107 cities and counties. Virginia Tech also engages in cooperative work with Virginia State University in Petersburg.

Application Instructions

Individuals wishing to apply should go online to <http://jobs.vt.edu>. The position description can be accessed by

clicking on *Faculty* and then *Instructional/Research faculty*, and by typing the posting number TR013015. Review of applications will begin on February 21, 2014 and continue until a suitable candidate is selected. Applications should include:

- The completed on-line application,
- A formal letter addressing the applicant's interests, qualifications, management and leadership and vision for the role of an off-campus Agricultural Research and Extension Center,
- A current curriculum vitae which includes a biographical sketch, service, and a complete list of publications and grants, and
- three (3) names and contact information of references who can assess the candidates qualifications for this position

For additional information please visit <http://www.arec.vaes.vt.edu/tidewater/index.html> or contact:

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