

Vacancy Announcement

Vacancy ID #	110559
Title	DIRECTOR, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture
Employing Department	Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Appointment Conditions	Tenured, 12-months, full-time
Proposed Start Date	January 1, 2012 or as soon as a suitable candidate is selected.
Job Description	<p>Iowa State University is seeking an outstanding scientist and administrator to direct the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, established by the 1987 Iowa Groundwater Protection Act (Iowa Code Chapter 266). The Center contributes, through research, outreach, and education, to the development of sustainable agriculture production systems that are environmentally sound, socially acceptable, and economically competitive. The Center also informs the agricultural community and general public of its research findings.</p> <p>The Director of the Leopold Center will be appointed by the President of Iowa State University, employed by and responsible to the Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station, and advised by an independent board. The board shall advise the director in the development of a budget, on the policies and procedures of the center, in the funding of research grant proposals, and regarding program planning and review. Major responsibilities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Organize and administer an interdisciplinary, mission-oriented research and extension program with an annual institutional support base of at least \$1,600,000.2. Provide leadership and coordination for a professional staff to accomplish the research, education, and outreach objectives of the Center's mission as described fully in Chapter 266 of the Iowa Code.3. Provide leadership to secure additional resources to enhance the Center's activities.4. Contribute to the development and application of sustainable agriculture practices in the state and elsewhere through personal research and education activities consistent with the mission of the Center.5. Direct dissemination of research results and their environmental, social and economic implications through the Iowa State University Extension programs and other professional publications and conferences.6. Serve as a member of the administrative team of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, which includes the Dean and associate deans, administrators

- of the Experiment Station, other research centers and academic departments.
7. Build partnerships with a wide array of agricultural, environmental and related organizations to facilitate coordination of research and educational activities related to agriculture and natural resource issues.
 8. Work with the Henry A. Wallace Endowed Chair for Sustainable Agriculture to coordinate programs in sustainable agriculture.

Required Qualifications

1. Demonstrated commitment to the mission of the Center and evidence of a holistic viewpoint relative to solving agricultural, environmental and social problems (as outlined in the Groundwater Protection Act.)
2. A Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree in a discipline related to the mission of the Center and appropriate for appointment as a tenured full professor in a department in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
3. Experience in building effective leadership with personnel and programs and obtaining new funds through creative partnerships and innovation.
4. Distinguished record of research and outreach accomplishments and evidence of success in obtaining competitive grant and philanthropic funding. An ability to provide leadership and direction to various competitive grant and other funding programs.
5. An ability to communicate effectively about sustainable agriculture with stakeholders and with the general public.
6. Shows evidence of an understanding of current agriculture and natural resource issues, technology, practices, and affiliated organizations.

Preferred Qualifications

1. Experience in managing a large staff and financial budget
2. Evidence of national and international stature in sustainable agriculture.
3. Evidence of experience working with the media.

Salary

Commensurate with qualifications

Special Conditions

All offers of employment, oral and written, are contingent upon the university's verification of credentials and other information required by federal and state law, ISU policies/procedures, and may include the completion of a background check.

Application Instructions

1. Both nominations and direct applications are welcome. Letters of reference will be sought only with the knowledge and consent of the candidates after screening of the resumes.
2. Nominations should include complete contact information of the nominee. The search committee will respond by inviting the nominee to submit the necessary application materials. Nominations should be sent to sharronq@iastate.edu
3. Applications must be submitted electronically by clicking on "Apply for this Vacancy". Applicants should be prepared to attach the following:
 - 1) a resume of their education, research accomplishments, list of publications, and other professional activities
 - 2) contact information for at least three references including name, address, phone number, and email
 - 3) a statement of their interest in the position, and
 - 4) a statement of their philosophy on sustainable agriculture - please attach as "other documents"

For more information about this position please contact Dr. Sharron Quisenberry, Chair, Search Committee at 515-294-6344 or via email at sharronq@iastate.edu

Please direct questions regarding the application process to employment@iastate.edu or (515) 294-4800.

For full consideration, applications must be received by October 1, 2011.

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To ensure consideration, submit application by 10-01-2011

AFCSME Merit
Contract Transfer Deadline

Quick Link www.iastatejobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=80211

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