The University of Missouri invites applications and nominations for the position of Associate Dean for Research and Director of the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station in the College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (CAFNR). The University seeks an innovative leader with a demonstrated commitment to advancing transformational and transdisciplinary efforts across the research, teaching and extension missions of CAFNR.

The University of Missouri was founded in 1839 in Columbia as the first public university west of the Mississippi River. Today, with an enrollment of more than 30,000 students, 13,000 full-time employees and 300,000 alumni, MU is a $2.2 billion enterprise and an important investment for the state and nation. MU students represent every Missouri county, all 50 states, and 120 countries. As a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU) the University of Missouri is committed to the highest levels of quality in its research, teaching, and scholarship.

Founded in 1870, the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR) has developed into a collection of academic programs merging personalized teaching and advising, advanced research with a global reach, and extension programs that drive sustained impact on Missouri’s economy. Agriculture has an annual economic contribution of $88 billion to the state of Missouri and is clearly a driving force in both rural and urban areas of the state. The College is leading the way in many fields, ranking among the top 15 programs in the world for animal and plant science research. The College is a part of the North Central Research Association – a group of forward-thinking colleges that is advancing agriculture bioscience research entrepreneurship and rural and family business development.

As the Associate Dean for Research, the successful candidate will have a defining role in shaping the future of the research platform within the College and across the state. The Associate Dean will also be trusted to guide the College’s participation in university-level investments in food production and security, health and wellness, and energy and the environment.

As the Director of the Missouri Agriculture Experiment Station, he/she will oversee 17 agricultural research centers located across the state of Missouri. These centers support regionally-relevant research and demonstration projects designed to enhance effective and impactful use of the state’s natural resource base in the fields of agriculture, forestry, animal science, and natural resources.

Reporting directly to the Vice Chancellor and Dean, the Associate Dean and Director is a key member of the leadership team that is collectively responsible for the establishment and execution of programmatic priorities that enable CAFNR and the campus to fulfill its mission around
research, innovation and translation of knowledge. The Associate Dean and Director is the principal administrative officer of the CAFNR research enterprise and will provide programmatic oversight and drive the future strategy for enhancing and expanding research within the College. The Associate Dean and Director works collaboratively with the other members of the leadership team of the College, including division directors and faculty members, to further the successful and comprehensive research programs in place.

The College seeks a dynamic leader who exhibits passion for the convergent disciplines that fuel the success of the College, an understanding of sustainable practices, and an innovative and entrepreneurial mindset. Candidates should have a PhD degree in a discipline related to CAFNR’s academic disciplines, a distinguished record of research and administration, and be eligible to qualify for an appointment as full professor with tenure in an appropriate academic department.

Candidates should have significant experience and demonstrable skills in leading and managing progressive change in complex environments such as those that exist within a modern land-grant university. Candidates should have budget and personnel management experience, and preference will be given to those candidates with experience as department/division chair, research center director, or related roles.

Nominations and applications may be sent in confidence to the University’s executive search team:

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_The University will recruit and employ qualified personnel and will provide equal opportunities during employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or status as a Vietnam-era veteran._