

Vacancy ID # 090136, **Iowa State University**

Title: **DIRECTOR, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture**

Employing Department: Animal Science

Proposed Start Date: January 1, 2010 or as soon as a suitable candidate is selected.

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. 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.

Job Description: Major responsibilities include: 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, and 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., equivalent degree, or equivalent experience in a discipline related to the mission of the Center.

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 is commensurate with qualifications

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 hogberg@iastate.edu
3. Applications must be submitted electronically at <http://www.iastatejobs.com> for consideration. Applicants should be prepared to attach a resume of their education, research accomplishments, and other professional activities, a list of publications, the addresses and contact information for at least three references, a statement of their interest in the position, and their philosophy on sustainable agriculture. For more information, contact Dr. Maynard Hogberg, Chair, Search Committee, 1221 Kildee Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, 50011, (515) 294-2160, hogberg@iastate.edu. Please direct questions regarding the application process to employment@iastate.edu or (515) 294-2936. For full consideration, applications must be received by July 1, 2009. For best results, convert to PDF to preserve document formatting. You can register for free conversions at <https://createpdf.adobe.com/>

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