Head and Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University

Purdue University invites applications for the position of Head of the Department of Biological Sciences to start August 2016. The Department seeks a dynamic leader with creative vision and an outstanding record of teaching, research, and administrative accomplishments.

The Department is undergoing a period of exciting development. Departmental strengths include Biology Education; Cell & Molecular Biology; Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Microbiology & Infectious Disease; Neuroscience & Physiology; and Structural Biology. The University has recently announced two large investment areas in life science research, Neuroscience and Immunology/Infectious Disease, in which this Department will play a leading role. http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2015/Q4/purdue-makes-major-new-investments-in-the-life-sciences.html

The Department is comprised of over 60 faculty members and 30 post-doctoral researchers, along with 160 graduate students and over 850 undergraduate biology majors. Further information about the Department is available at www.bio.purdue.edu. Department faculty are involved in University-wide multidisciplinary research through Discovery Park (see www.discoverypark.purdue.edu) and the Purdue Center for Cancer Research (see www.cancerresearch.purdue.edu).

Qualifications: The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in biology or a related discipline, an outstanding record of scholarly achievement and a history of extramurally funded research commensurate with the rank of full professor at Purdue, exceptional and proven leadership abilities, a vision for the Department in the university, state, and nation, a commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education, an enthusiasm for engagement, and a dedication to diversity. Faculty in the department have teaching loads determined by the head. The successful candidate will be expected to teach when the term of office is complete.

Applications: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and a one-page statement that includes a description of past leadership experience and a vision for the future of biology research and education along with the names and e-mail addresses of three references to http://hiring.science.purdue.edu. Inquiries should be directed to Biology Head Search Committee, Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University, 915 W. State St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2054 or search@bio.purdue.edu. Review of applications will begin December 14, 2015 and will continue until the position is filled. A background check is required for employment in this position.

Purdue University is an EEO/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.