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 2018. The department seeks a dynamic leader with creative vision and an outstanding record of research, administration, and teaching.

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. Many departmental faculty are involved in university-wide multidisciplinary research through Discovery Park (www.discoverypark.purdue.edu) and the Purdue Center for Cancer Research (www.cancerresearch.purdue.edu). In addition, members of the department play leading roles in the recently launched Purdue Institute for Integrative Neuroscience http://www.purdue.edu/discoverypark/pillars/integrative-neuroscience-center/ and Purdue Institute of Inflammation, Immunology and Infectious Disease https://www.purdue.edu/discoverypark/pillars/pi4d/. As of Fall 2017, the Biological Sciences Department is comprised of 55 faculty members, 27 post-doctoral researchers, 118 graduate students, and 899 undergraduate biology majors. Further information about the department is available at www.bio.purdue.edu.

The Department of Biological Sciences is one of seven departments in the College of Science and there are numerous interdisciplinary programs and centers, some of which are indicated above. Beyond the College, Purdue’s strengths in Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy and the Health and Human Sciences contribute to a robust research and educational environment. Further information on the College of Science is available on the website at www.science.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; dedication to building a diverse, inclusive, and vibrant scientific community, exceptional and proven leadership abilities; an effective vision for the department in the university, state, and nation; commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education; and an enthusiasm for engagement.

Applications: We encourage qualified candidates to apply online at 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. Purdue University’s Department of Biological Sciences is committed to advancing diversity in all areas of faculty effort, including scholarship, instruction and engagement. Candidates should address at least one of these in their cover letter, indicating their past experiences, current interests or activities, and/or future goals to promote a climate that values diversity and inclusion. Review of applications will begin Jan 8, 2018 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 veterans are encouraged to apply.