

Paul Patterson

Agricultural Economics, Purdue University, M.S., 1987;
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Dr. Paul Patterson is the Dean of College of Agriculture and Director of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station at Auburn University. He received both his MS and PhD degrees from the Agricultural Economics department in 1987 and 1994, respectively.

After he received his PhD degree, Dr. Patterson joined the faculty at Arizona State University's Morrison School of Management and Agribusiness, and advanced to Interim Dean in 2006 and Dean (later called Director) in 2007. Over those three years, he led 34 faculty and staff members to increase student enrollment by 50%.

During his early career, he built a strong research program and established productive collaboration network. His research and teaching/student advising have resulted in regional and national award recognition. He received three outstanding advisor awards in 2016 from his university, from National Academic Advising Association (NAAA) for his sub-region, and from the NAAA at the national level. He was also honored for several of his outstanding research contributions to the area of agricultural economics, including the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

In 2009, Dr. Patterson assumed the role of Associate Dean for Instruction in the College of Agriculture at Auburn University; a role he held for seven years. He oversaw all academic programs in the college's eight academic departments, nine undergraduate programs and 19 graduate programs, including distance education programs.

Since 2016, Dr. Patterson has served as the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station at Auburn University. In that role he leads a faculty of 150 and a college staff of 140. He also oversees another 95 staff members in their separate agricultural experiment station. Dr. Patterson's term as dean has been highlighted by a 35 percent increase in his college's extramural funding and several multimillion-dollar facilities projects for which he has shepherded support.

Dr. Patterson's leadership has generated a great impact to the US higher education sector in the broad area of agriculture and learning. He has held several important leadership roles with the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) where he extends his knowledge, experience, and leadership expertise to others in the broader academy of higher education.

