ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DIRECTOR
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURE

The Purdue University College of Agriculture is seeking to hire a visionary, entrepreneurial individual as Associate Dean and Director of International Programs in Agriculture to provide creative leadership for its globally recognized international programs in learning, discovery, and engagement.

Purdue Agriculture (http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/) has a long history of engagement in international programs ranging from institutional building efforts in developing nations, to collaborative research linkages with national and international research centers and other institutions of higher learning, to a large and growing undergraduate study-abroad program. In its vision for the 21st century, Purdue Agriculture is committed to strengthening the international content of its curricula; enhancing the range of overseas study and internship opportunities for its undergraduate students; fostering field research opportunities for its graduate students; and promoting collaborative research and extension relationships for its faculty. The College will continue to broaden its leadership in international institutional development projects commensurate with faculty interest and funding opportunities. In order to implement this vision, the Director will lead and coordinate international activities in the College of Agriculture.

Responsibilities: The Director of International Programs in Agriculture reports to the Dean of Agriculture. The successful candidate will have a broad vision of the international dimensions of a leading 21st century college of agriculture. He/she will be able to communicate that vision to faculty, students, citizens of Indiana, and to other stakeholders at national and international settings. The Director will promote faculty collaboration across disciplines, facilitate new initiatives, and provide creative leadership to implement international programs that encompass activities throughout the entire food, agriculture and natural resources systems. He/she will possess the ability to work with faculty, national and international agencies, and private foundations to obtain funding necessary to implement and manage innovative programs. Duties will also include budget and personnel management.

Qualifications: The candidate must have an earned Doctorate, professional experience in an area related to food, agriculture, or natural resources, and a record of scholarship to merit appointment as a tenured full professor in one of the departments of the College. The candidate must have a proven record in international program development, strategic planning, administration, project management and ability and experience to work effectively with individuals and groups from a variety of cultures. He/she must be committed to expanding and fostering diversity. It is desirable that the candidate be multilingual and have long term work experience outside the U.S.

The College: The unit is an integral part of the College of Agriculture, one of the world’s leading colleges of agricultural, food, life, and natural resource sciences and ranked fifth globally in the 2015 QS World University Rankings. The College is deeply committed to the three land-grant missions (teaching, research, and extension), to international activities and perspectives that span all missions, and to supporting a diverse and inclusive environment focused on excellence in all we do. The College has 11 academic departments and includes 330 faculty, 2710 undergraduate students, and 685 graduate students. The College’s strategic plan can be accessed at https://www2.ag.purdue.edu/Pages/strategicplan.aspx

Application Procedure: Qualified persons are requested to submit a letter of application emphasizing their ability to carry out the responsibilities of the position as described above, a complete curriculum vitae, and names and contact information of five references. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential; references will be contacted only upon the applicant’s approval. A background check is required for employment in this position. Nominations of outstanding potential candidates are welcomed. Applications, nominations, and inquiries should be addressed to: Dr. Jay Akridge, Dean and Chairman of the International Programs in Agriculture Search Advisory Committee, Purdue University, Office of the Dean of Agriculture, 615 W. State St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2053. Electronic submission is preferred and should be sent to rdr@purdue.edu. Screening of applicants will begin July 15, 2015, and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Questions regarding the position may be sent to Jay Akridge at (765) 494-8391 (akridge@purdue.edu).

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