

From: John DeLong
Subject: Director, School of Biological Sciences position

The School of Biological Sciences at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln is seeking a director:

Director, School of Biological Sciences

We are seeking an extraordinary individual to serve as Director of the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), a public land grant research university and member of the Big 10/Committee on Institutional Cooperation, with a total enrollment of over 25,000 students. The School of Biological Sciences (SBS) is part of the College of Arts and Sciences, and plays a central role in undergraduate and graduate education and research at UNL. SBS faculty attract \$12 million annually in competitive extramural research support, primarily from NIH and NSF. SBS has over 500 undergraduate majors and nearly 80 graduate students. Our 44 faculty members pursue research across the full spectrum of biology from molecules to ecosystems, and theory to empiricism. Research by SBS faculty members is highly collaborative, and benefits from strong linkages with other campus units.

We seek a Director who will promote faculty collaboration and integration across levels of biological organization – from genes, cells, and physiology through organisms to populations, communities, and ecosystems – and between biology and other STEM and non-STEM disciplines. The Director will provide strategic leadership and vision to promote SBS excellence in research, education, and outreach; will effectively manage the School's resources; will be instrumental in fund raising and alumni relations; and will play a key role in developing strong relationships between SBS and other units across the campus and the university system.

UNL is committed to achieving academic excellence and continued growth and development within the Life Sciences. The successful candidate will be a dynamic individual with outstanding scientific credentials, a commitment to quality education, and the desire, ability, and vision to lead the School. Candidates for this position must have a PhD; an outstanding record, including accomplishments as a scientist, educator, and in service to their institution; an understanding of the strengths and opportunities offered by a School encompassing the breadth of biology; and demonstrated commitment to excellence. Candidates must qualify for the rank of Professor with tenure. Candidates with research interests in any recognized biological discipline will be considered. The successful candidate will receive a competitive salary and start-up package.

Additional qualifications include: proven success in academic leadership in the context of shared governance and transparent decision-making; excellent communication skills; an understanding of opportunities and challenges in the current funding climate; an interest in working with the university foundation, donors, and alumni to support fund raising; an appreciation of the SBS teaching mission and an awareness of the importance of innovation in instruction; a commitment to diversity; and experience managing financial and human resources.

Information about the department can be found at <http://www.biosci.unl.edu>.

For consideration, applicants must complete the on-line Faculty/Administrative form and submit application materials at <http://employment.unl.edu>, requisition F_160169. Application materials should include a cover letter describing administrative experience and philosophy; a curriculum vitae with a full list of publications and a summary of past, current, and pending research support; the names of three references; and brief statements of research, educational, and service interests. Inquiries regarding the position or the application process should be directed to: BioSciDirectorSearch@unl.edu, or SBS Search Committee Chair, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1223 Oldfather Hall, Lincoln, NE 68588-0312 (Fax: 402-472-1123).

Review of applications will begin November 14, 2016 and continue until the position is filled.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is committed to a pluralistic campus community through affirmative action, equal opportunity, work-life balance, and dual careers. See <http://www.unl.edu/equity/notice-nondiscrimination>.

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