

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Professor and Director, Rice Research & Extension Center
UA Division of Agriculture
Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service
Stuttgart, AR

Description: The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture seeks an energetic individual to provide creative and exemplary leadership for the Rice Research and Extension Center (RREC) located near Stuttgart, AR. The Director will provide leadership for the multidisciplinary team of eleven research and Extension faculty, approximately 50 classified and non-classified staff, and hourly support staff. The Director will serve the Division as a recognized authority and spokesperson in many aspects of rice production, rice processing and rice marketing. The successful candidate will proactively lead the faculty and staff in building and maintaining strong, multidisciplinary research and extension programs in applied and basic research focusing on the needs of the Arkansas rice industry.

The RRREC is located in the heart of the Grand Prairie region of Arkansas and comprised of approximately 850 acres of irrigated field research, ten modern laboratories, six greenhouses, and a modern office/conference center. A new, state-of-the-art Foundation Seed Plant is located at the RREC. The focus is rice production, but Division faculty also conduct soybean, corn, grain sorghum and wheat research and demonstrations at the RREC. Foundation Seed Rice, Soybeans and Wheat are produced, cleaned, conditioned, bagged and sold at the RREC. The support and operations budget at the RREC exceeds \$1.3 million.

The USDA's Dale Bumpers National Rice Research Center is co-located with the RREC. More information regarding the RREC is available at: <https://aes.uark.edu/research-locations/rice.aspx>

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. This is a full-time twelve-month, nontenure-track appointment.

Responsibilities: Provide leadership in planning, integrating, and implementing the research and Extension programs conducted at the RREC. Duties will include administrative and fiscal leadership for the RREC personnel, programs and physical resources; program planning, faculty development, and pursuit of extramural funding; coordination with other university programs, professional and governmental agencies, and industry groups. The successful candidate will be active in industry support groups including, but not limited to the Arkansas Rice Research & Promotion Board, Rice Technical Working Group, Rice Industry Alliance, Arkansas Farm Bureau, USA and Arkansas Rice Federation, and the Agricultural Council of Arkansas. The Director will help establish research and extension priorities related to rice production, processing, and marketing. The Director will also provide overall leadership for planning and execution of the Rice Expo, an annual research and Extension event featuring field tours of

research, classroom presentations, speeches, exhibits and contests for approximately 1,100 stakeholders.

Minimum Qualifications: Candidates must have an earned Ph.D., or equivalent, in Agriculture or a closely related discipline, and a sufficient record of professional accomplishments that would qualify for the rank of Professor. Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and persuasively with both scientific audiences and stakeholder audiences.

Preferred Qualifications: The candidate's record should demonstrate the administrative skills to lead a dynamic research and Extension program, including the ability to collaborate and communicate with diverse clientele. Demonstrated fiscal and personnel management, excellence in written and oral communication skills, ability to attract extramural funding, interest in providing multi-disciplinary leadership and coordination of diverse research interests is preferred. Prior experience in the Land Grant University System, including field research, laboratory research, and/or Extension education is highly desirable.

Application: Applicants should submit a letter stating their interest in this position, and their qualifications including professional vitae and names of five individuals who may be contacted for letters of reference. In addition, the applicant is asked to provide a one-page statement on: (1) his/her professional goals, (2) the challenges facing the rice industry and (3) an approach to addressing these challenges including his/her philosophy of administrative leadership. Applications should be submitted to:

Deadline: Screening of applicants will begin September 1, 2017 and will continue until a qualified candidate is identified.

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. All applicants are subject to public disclosure under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act and persons hired must have proof of legal authority to work in the United States.