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**Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station**

***Director, Auburn University Food Systems Institute***

The College of Agriculture/Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station is seeking a visionary leader as Director of the Auburn University Food Systems Institute (AUFISI). The mission of AUFISI is to facilitate innovative research and support interdisciplinary collaborations in food systems (broadly defined to include growing, harvesting, processing, packaging, marketing, consuming and disposing of food from plant and animal sources). This is a full time, 12-month, non-tenure track faculty appointment with administration and teaching/outreach responsibilities. The position reports directly to the Associate Dean for Research and Associate Director, College of Agriculture and the Alabama Agriculture Experiment Station (AAES) while collaborating with administrators, faculty, and staff located throughout the college, AAES, Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES), and Auburn University.

**Responsibilities:** The Director will be expected to provide leadership and direction for AUFISI and develop a vision for facilitating innovative research and center sustainability. The successful candidate will work to promote faculty collaboration across disciplines and development of interdisciplinary teams to proactively develop proposals and secure extramural funding. This should include establishment of appropriate working groups around strategic and emerging themes/opportunities. The successful candidate will have a broad vision and strategy for enhancing engagement with the private sector, specifically the food industry. The position will identify new initiatives and communicate extramural funding opportunities, advance scholarship within the center by improving outcomes and impact, facilitate collaboration with other centers/programs, and improve reputation of the AUFISI nationally and globally. The successful candidate will possess the ability to engage with faculty, federal agencies, foundations and the private sector.

**Qualifications:** Minimum qualifications include a Master's degree in food science or a related field and experience in the food industry. The successful candidate will possess demonstrated experience in industry/private sector engagement. Other qualifications include demonstrated leadership experience; development of interdisciplinary teams; engagement with diverse audiences and stakeholders including agency leaders, commodity groups, elected officials and industry leaders; and excellent interpersonal communication skills. Desired qualifications include the ability to develop and execute innovative vision and strategies for growing the AUFISI including enhanced engagement with the private sector and facilitation of university-industry partnerships. Commitment to diversity and the ability to interpret and administer policies and procedures in a fair and equitable manner are essential. The successful candidate must be able to meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States at the time of appointment and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment.

Applicants must complete an on-line application process at the following link:

<http://aufacultypositions.peopleadmin.com/postings/4095> and attach the following: 1) a letter of interest, 2) curriculum vita, and 3) a statement of leadership and vision for AUFISI. When prompted during the on-line application process, please provide name, email address and phone number of three professional references. Only complete application materials will be considered. Questions about the position may be directed to Dr. Ken Macklin, Search Committee Chair at [macklks@auburn.edu](mailto:macklks@auburn.edu). More information about the AUFISI is available at <http://aufsi.auburn.edu/>. To ensure optimal consideration, submit materials by April 20, 2020.

Auburn University is one of the nation's premier public land-grant institutions. In 2019, it was ranked 52<sup>nd</sup> among public universities by U.S. News and World Report. Auburn maintains high levels of research activity and high standards for teaching excellence, offering Bachelor's, Master's, Educational Specialist, and Doctoral

degrees in agriculture and engineering, the professions, and the arts and sciences. Its 2018 enrollment of 30,440 students includes 24,628 undergraduates and 5,812 graduate and professional students. Organized into twelve academic colleges and schools, Auburn's 1,450 faculty members offer more than 200 educational programs. The University is nationally recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, positive work environment, student engagement, and beautiful campus. Auburn University is understanding of and sensitive to the family needs of faculty, including dual-career couples. For more information about Auburn University and faculty jobs, visit the following link: <http://www.auburn.edu/academic/provost/facultyjobs/>.

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