

Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is the center of the land-grant tradition at Virginia Tech. The college has been instrumental in advancing agriculture and other life science industries to improve human health through prevention and treatment of chronic and infectious diseases, sustain agriculture and the environment, and reduce the reliance on fossil fuels. The Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station and the Virginia Cooperative Extension are seamlessly integrated in the college. Please visit the college website (www.cals.vt.edu) for information on programs, faculty, students, and research and extension initiatives.

The dean's role is to:

- Advance the vision for the college in support of the university's strategic plan.
- Provide entrepreneurial leadership for the growth and development of learning, discovery, and engagement.
- Develop and maintain productive relationships with other university entities and leaders.
- Develop and maintain productive relationships with all external constituencies of the college.
- Foster a climate, organizational structure, and managerial leadership team that embrace inclusive excellence and encourages all members of the college community to contribute to its collective goals.

Required Qualifications:

- Commitment to the tripartite mission for a land-grant university: learning, discovery, and engagement.
- Earned doctoral degree in a discipline appropriate to the college and a distinguished record that qualifies for a tenured faculty appointment at the rank of full professor.
- Demonstrated leadership, communication and interpersonal skills.
- Proven ability to work effectively with many constituencies.
- Experience in leading and managing a major research program or comparable experience.
- Successful experience with planning, personnel and fiscal management.

Desired Qualifications:

- Vision and ability to advance the agenda of the college and university, including interdisciplinary and cross-college initiatives.
- Accomplishment in recruitment and retention of women and minority faculty, staff, and underrepresented students.
- Successful experience, or demonstrated potential, in fund-raising, development activities, and collaboration with industry.

Nominations for the position are welcome, please address these to:

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Applications:

Applicants must apply on-line at www.jobs.vt.edu, posting number 090083. Please complete a very brief faculty application and attach a vita, letter of interest, vision statement for leading the college, and names of at least three professional references. For full consideration, all application materials should be received by April 10, 2009.

Virginia Tech is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and has a strong commitment to the principles of diversity. In that spirit, the university seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women, people of color, and people with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities desiring accommodations in the application process should notify the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost (provoff@vt.edu or 540-231-6123).