



SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

Director, School of Agriculture, Tenure-Track Faculty

University Expectation

MTSU seeks candidates committed to innovative teaching, robust research/creative activity, and meaningful service. We also seek to attract a culturally and academically diverse faculty who value working with a diverse student body.

Job Summary

The College of Basic and Applied Sciences at Middle Tennessee State University is seeking a visionary leader for the director position (#102005) of the School of Agriculture. Applicants must be eligible to meet the criteria for the rank of either associate professor or professor. Expedited tenure upon appointment is possible. The start date for the position is August 1, 2023.

Reporting to the College of Basic and Applied Sciences dean, the director will provide leadership to a vibrant and dynamic cohort of 24 faculty and staff and over 450 students in the School of Agriculture. The director will lead the vision and guide strategic planning and management of the academic programs, farm laboratories, and horse science center, with support from the farm laboratories director and horse science director. The director is expected to manage department budgets and attract external financial resources and partnerships. Additionally, the director is expected to demonstrate positive interaction at local, state, regional, and national levels with agricultural industries and governmental organizations. Finally, the director will teach courses within their discipline as needed and serve as the faculty advisor for the Agriculture Ambassadors.

Department and Facilities

The School of Agriculture offers baccalaureate degrees in agribusiness, animal science (including pre-veterinary science), horse science, fermentation science, and plant and soil science. In addition, a certification in agricultural education and master's programs in horse science, fermentation science, and agricultural education leadership are also offered. MTSU seeks candidates committed to sustaining teaching excellence while expanding the research and outreach effort to fulfill the missions of an R2 institution.

Located about 6.5 miles northeast of MTSU campus, the Farm Laboratories is located on 750 acres of farm and crop land consisting of a state-of-the-art dairy, beef unit, swine unit, and a small-farm crop unit that include horticulture hoop houses, raised beds, and post-processing facilities. The MTSU Horse Science Center is home to 50 horse stalls, teaching arenas and jump course, equine reproduction laboratory, free-stall exerciser, and training round pens. Campus

agriculture facilities include the MTSU Creamery, the International Ginseng Institute, greenhouses, fermentation science analytical laboratory, and agricultural education laboratory. To learn more about our department, please visit www.mtsu.edu/agriculture.

Required Education: A terminal degree in an area of agricultural science or a closely related field is required.

Other Desirables: Applicants with administrative experience as a director, department chair, dean, etc., and those with human resource management and budget experience will receive special consideration.

Salary: Salary commensurate with education and experience.

Link to Job Posting:

<https://careers.mtsu.edu/en-us/job/497133/director-school-of-agriculture-tenuretrack-faculty>

Review of applications begins November 7, 2022.

For additional information about this position contact search committee chair, Dr. Ron Henderson, ron.henderson@mtsu.edu.