UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

PROFESSOR AND DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Position Description:
The Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture includes expertise in agronomy, crop science, agroecology, urban ecology, conservation biology, and landscape architecture with an overall goal to secure equitable food, water and energy resources for all people. Faculty are involved in solving some of the most pressing challenges impacting Maryland and beyond, including resilience of crop production and natural ecosystems to climate change, crop improvement, nitrogen utilization, small grain and horticultural food crop safety, food security, plant pathogen interactions, and development and physiology of plants. PSLA offers academic programs in Plant Biology, Landscape Architecture, Agronomy, Environmental Horticulture, Turf science, Urban Forestry and Agricultural Education. The department is also home to a robust graduate program in Plant Sciences and the Masters of Landscape Architecture. The department has a total state budget of nearly $4.5M and over $2.2M in annual extramural funding. The department is located centrally on campus in the Plant Sciences Building and in the University of Maryland Research Greenhouse Complex that houses the core of the University of Maryland Research Plant Growth Facilities. The department also participates statewide in Extension programming. The campus location inside the capital beltway offers unique opportunities to collaborate with federal agencies and laboratories including USDA, NASA-Goddard, NIH, NSF, FDA, EPA, NPS, and APHIS. Additional details of the department's personnel, programs and facilities can be found at: http://www.psla.umd.edu.

Responsibilities:
Ensures effective representation and communication between the department faculty, staff, students, dean and other administrative officers of the University. Administers state, national, and international programs of the department, directs human, physical, and financial resources, assigns responsibilities to faculty and staff, and encourages the proactive development of strategic programs. Helps establish and implement a shared vision within the departmental community and furthers the efforts to enhance diversity and inclusion within the department and through access to departmental programs. The chair collaborates with senior university administrators, deans, associate and assistant deans, other UMD chairs, and Research and Education Center directors, as well as administrators of state and federal agencies in providing leadership for delivering integrated programs to meet the needs of students, extension clientele, research sponsors, and other stakeholders. The chair works with University of Maryland Extension (UME) to deliver educational programs throughout the State of Maryland.

APPLICATIONS:
Letters of nomination and/or application should be submitted no later than April 1, 2019 or until a suitable candidate is found. Applications should include a complete curriculum vitae, the names, addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers, and e-mail of five professional references, and a letter describing the role of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture in today's society as well as the applicant's abilities to carry out the responsibilities of the position. Applications and nominations should be addressed to Dr. Leslie Pick, Chair, Search Committee, Office of the Dean, University of Maryland, 1296 Symons Hall College Park, MD 20742. Electronic application is required and must be submitted through e Terp at https://ejobs.umd.edu. Applications will be kept confidential.