



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM

The President and the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System invite letters of nomination and applications for the position of Vice President for Agriculture of the University of Arkansas System. The Vice President for Agriculture serves as the administrative head of agriculture for the University of Arkansas System (the Division of Agriculture) and reports directly to the President of the System. The Division of Agriculture is headquartered in the University of Arkansas System Offices in Little Rock, AR.

The Division of Agriculture is a statewide administrative entity within the University of Arkansas System comprised of the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service. Faculty and staff are located on the campuses of the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, the University of Arkansas at Monticello and Arkansas State University, as well as five Research and Extension Centers, six Research Stations, two Extension Centers, two Research Units and agricultural, family and consumer sciences, youth and community development programs in all 75 counties of the state.

The Division of Agriculture conducts research and extension programs to support Arkansas agriculture at every level. The Vice President for Agriculture provides statewide leadership addressing the needs of agricultural commodity organizations, agribusinesses, and rural communities. This leadership responsibility includes direct interaction with the Arkansas General Assembly, Arkansas' Congressional delegation, the state's Constitutional Officers, state and federal agencies and all private agriculture organizations. As a result of this interaction, the Division of Agriculture receives strong state and federal support for its programs as well as important financial support from agricultural commodity groups through their Research and Promotion Boards. The Vice President has a prominent role in addressing agricultural policy issues throughout the state as well as in professional organizations and associations at the federal level.

Agriculture is the backbone of the state's economy, accounting for approximately one in seven jobs. Combined, agricultural industries account for more than \$19.4 billion of the value added to the Arkansas economy annually and contribute more than 14% to the state's total valued added. Arkansas is one of the leading agricultural states in the country, consistently ranking in the top 20 states in total farm gate receipts and in the top 25 states in the production of 16 agriculture commodities. All 75 counties in the state are heavily dependent on agricultural activity that is extremely diverse, with strength in crops, livestock, poultry and forest products. Because of the importance of agriculture in Arkansas, some of the largest agricultural companies in the world are headquartered in the state.

Candidates should have demonstrated leadership skills and senior administrative experience within a land grant system. Preference will be given to candidates with a terminal degree. The full position description can be found [here](#). More information about the search can be found [here](#).

Confidential inquiries or informal nominations can be sent to:

Vice President for Agriculture Search Committee
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Formal application materials must be submitted through the UA System's HR platform, Workday, by clicking the Apply button located [here](#).

Evaluation of applications will begin on February 1, 2022, and will continue until the position is filled. For more information about the Division of Agriculture, visit www.uada.edu.

The University of Arkansas System 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.