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DIRECTOR

Recruitment Initiative



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ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION



Texas A&M AgriLife Institute for Advancing Health Through Agriculture

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The Texas A&M AgriLife Institute for Advancing Health Through Agriculture (IHA) exists to improve human health for all by leading science-driven solutions in agriculture, nutrition and food systems in a way that supports economic prosperity, environmental sustainability and community well-being for current and future generations through innovative research-based guidance, policies, programs and practice.

The IHA achieves its mission through three synergistic focus areas:

Precision Nutrition

Research that identifies how dietary exposures differentially impact individuals and population subgroups in order to provide more specific nutrition guidance to promote health and reduce risk of diet-related chronic diseases.

Healthy Living

Social and behavioral research that promotes health, reduces chronic disease and advances health equity through developing, evaluating and disseminating community-engaged intervention programs.

Responsive Agriculture

Research that promotes innovations in the agricultural system and food environment to optimize human health while ensuring the system is economically robust and environmentally sustainable.

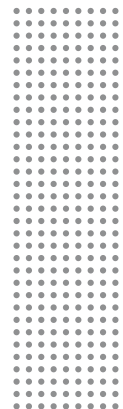
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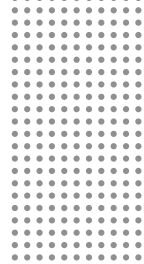


The IHA is administratively a component of [Texas A&M AgriLife Research](#), one of four state agencies within The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) operating alongside the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (COALS). Eleven universities and the state agencies of the TAMUS are located throughout Texas, providing a network among faculty (research and extension) and staff. The IHA serves as a gateway, connecting community needs with interdisciplinary expertise.

The IHA Director will have a 12-month appointment and be affiliated with a COALS department that best fits the candidate's background and interests. The office of the IHA Director is in the newly remodeled Norman Borlaug Building at Texas A&M University in Bryan-College Station, pictured above.

For an introduction to the College Station area, please explore: visit.cstx.gov/.





POSITION SUMMARY

Title: Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Institute for Advancing Health Through Agriculture

Appointment: 12 months

Reports To: Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Research

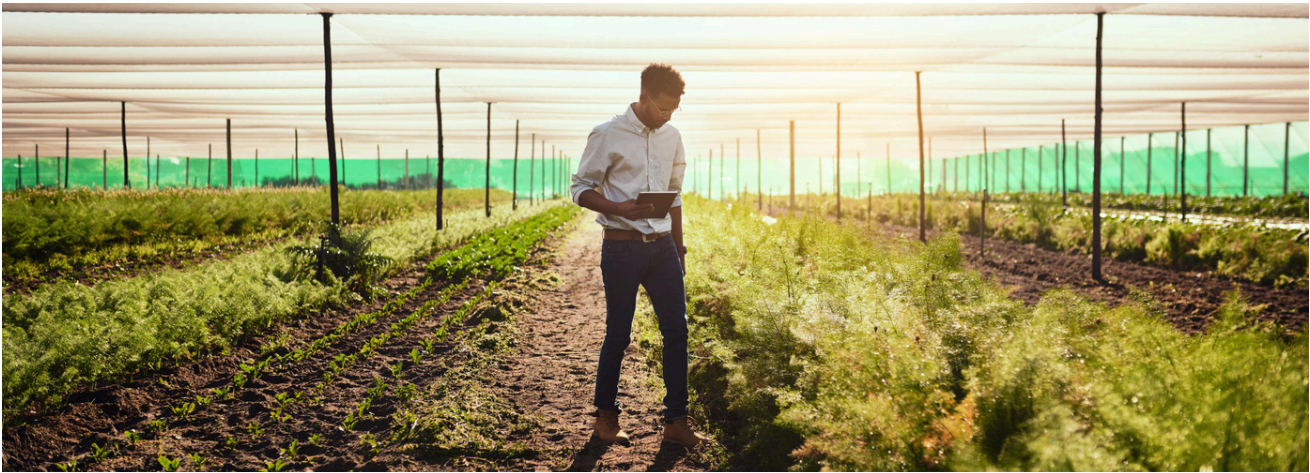
Location: Norman Borlaug Building, Texas A&M University, Bryan-College Station

The IHA Director will provide leadership in the three focal areas by capitalizing on expertise within TAMU, TAMUS and USDA partners, as well as key state and national stakeholders to address existing and emerging health issues such as obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, Alzheimer's, and other chronic diseases through research and outreach. The Director will provide leadership, management, and administration of IHA, including sponsored and non-sponsored project accounts, public relations, and personnel to advance the mission of IHA and associated programs throughout TAMUS and external partnerships.

The Director will lead a talented team of more than 60 scientists, support staff, graduate students and post-doctoral trainees located across Texas in coordination with other USDA-funded centers that focus on health and associated agricultural needs and policies, including:

- Development and actualization of vision and mission statements for the IHA.
- Development of collaborative relationships and opportunities for members of IHA that enhance teaching, research, and extension missions.
- Management of human and fiscal resources;
- Leadership for acquisition of internal and external resources that support the mission of IHA.
- Represent IHA to local, state, and federal agencies, private organizations, other partners, collaborators, key industry groups, and international organizations.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS



Required Education and Experience

The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. or equivalent in one or more nutrition-based health or agriculture-related fields, and at least 10 years of direct experience, as well as a documented record of leadership in administration as well as in research, teaching, and outreach. The Director will also engage with stakeholder groups, identify critical issues, and lead efforts to fund research and extension activities of the IHA that bring resolution to how agriculture and nutrition can be leveraged to reduce diet-related chronic disease in Texas and the world.

Preferred Education and Experience

- Scholarly accomplishments such as invitations to prestigious panels, publications with high citation indexes, grants funded and other relevant metrics.
- A Ph.D., or other applicable terminal degree in nutrition-based health issues or agriculture-related field, engineering, science, law, policy, government or management, and 10 years of post-graduate job-related experience.
- Knowledge of the Land Grant University System and a track record of using research and extension to solve problems and convey practical solutions to stakeholders.
- Demonstrated experience in managing conflicting interests to achieve accepted practices among groups (e.g., stakeholders; trade associations; state and/or federal agencies; non-governmental organizations).
- Nationally (e.g. National Academy of Medicine or Sciences) recognized expertise in nutrition-based health issues or agriculture-related field, with a documented record of distinction.

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS^{CTD.}



Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Excellent oral, written and electronic communication skills.
- Interpersonal skills for effective communication with entities within IHA, TAMU and TAMUS, as well as stakeholders.
- Ability to manage and support multidisciplinary and interagency teams.
- Leadership skills to inspire and recognize successes of members of IHA.
- Experience in fundraising and grantsmanship.
- Ability to coordinate with broad-based partners and stakeholders locally, nationally, and internationally.
- Ability to represent TAMU/TAMUS and IHA to legislative and regulatory agencies as a trusted source of expertise in nutrition, agriculture and health.

Application Requirements

An application should contain:

1. A cover letter which outlines the candidate's vision for the position;
2. A current curriculum vitae; and,
3. Contact information for three references.

Submit completed application materials to Diane_Fennig@ajg.com as the search partner for the IHA Director by September 3rd, 2024.

Review of applications will begin in early September and will continue until the position is filled.

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Veterans/Disability Employer

COMPENSATION AND CONTACT



Compensation

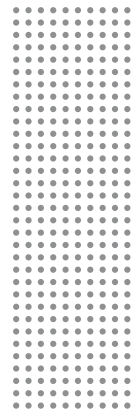
A competitive salary will be offered to an individual with the skills and experiences noted above. Other benefits include: health, dental, vision, life and long-term disability insurance, paid holidays, paid leave and a retirement plan.

Contact

If you are qualified and interested in being considered as a candidate for this opportunity, or know of someone that might be a fit, please feel free to reach out to:

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