

Position Announcement

Professor and Head, Department of Rangeland Ecology and Management, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

Texas A&M University invites nominations and applications for the position of **Professor and Head, Department of Rangeland Ecology and Management**. Applications will be accepted through **April 2, 2004** or until a suitable candidate has been identified.

Departmental Philosophy: The Department of Rangeland Ecology and Management seeks to continue its tradition of excellence in teaching, research and extension programs. The future paradigm for the program will focus on the increasing complexity of rangeland science and management resulting from ongoing societal and environmental changes, including the information age, globalized agricultural markets, and global environmental changes. This will require that larger scale natural resource issues be identified and addressed to provide information for a broader spectrum of stakeholders, while continuing to serve our traditional clients with new information and technology. Ecological restoration, water resources research and environmental science will represent important components of future program direction. The new head will provide critical leadership for the implementation of this paradigm to enhance the relevance and contribution of the rangeland profession.

Departmental Structure:

The state-wide rangeland program consists of 29 faculty, including six extension faculty and seven off-campus research faculty, and approximately 70 graduate and 180 undergraduate students making it the largest rangeland program in the nation. The department is multidisciplinary in scope with programs addressing range management science, plant and animal ecology, landscape and global change ecology, biogeochemistry, hydrology, plant biosystematics, natural resource management, information technology, human dimensions, and international development of rangeland resources. The department routinely collaborates with associated departments in the College and University and various off-campus research and extension centers throughout the State. Dedicated laboratory facilities include the Grazingland Animal Nutrition Lab, Systems Technology Applications Lab, Stable Isotope Lab, Tracy Herbarium and the Watershed Management Lab. The department maintains a strong international component with current activities in China, Taiwan, the Middle East, Mexico, Argentina and several African countries. Departmental programs are funded primarily by grants and contracts.

Duties and Responsibilities: The Department Head holds the tenure-track academic appointment of Professor in Rangeland Ecology and Management. The successful candidate will provide administrative direction for scholarship in departmental teaching, research and extension. Specific duties and

responsibilities include: (1) intellectual and philosophical leadership of faculty, staff, and students for integrated academic, research, and extension programs; (2) management and coordination of departmental resources; (3) liaison to the administration in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and The Texas A&M University System agencies and external agencies; (4) coordination of statewide rangeland programs for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) and Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE); (5) representation of department to commodity groups, state and federal agencies, other partners and collaborators; and (6) provide leadership in resource acquisition from University, state and federal agencies.

Qualifications: Earned Ph.D. in rangeland ecology and management or a related natural resource discipline, and a demonstrated capability for leadership, management, and integration of multidisciplinary programs. A record of outstanding achievement in teaching, research or extension and knowledge of the Land Grant College system is desirable. Evidence of resource acquisition both from the public and private sectors is also desirable.

Area and Community: Texas A&M University is located in College Station in east-central Texas. The community supports three major medical facilities and offers a variety of cultural activities typically associated with a major research university including museums, music, art, and theater. The twin cities of College Station and Bryan also present easy access to the cultural and professional opportunities of Houston, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, as well as recreational opportunities associated with the Gulf of Mexico, the east Texas pine forests, and the Hill Country of central Texas.

Application Process: Applications are to include a current curriculum vitae, statement of administrative philosophy for the department, five most significant publications, and five letters of reference. Applications are to be sent to:

Dr. Joseph O'Leary
Search Committee Chair
Professor and Department Head
Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
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Salary is competitive based on experience.

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