

The Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture seeks applications for the position of Department Head.

**Responsibilities:** The head is expected to provide vision, leadership, and administration in support of the land-grant missions of teaching, research and extension; work closely with faculty and staff to set departmental priorities and allocate resources; advocate for the department within the university, state, region and nation as well as internationally; cultivate an environment that encourages excellence; promote opportunities for and be committed to interdisciplinary research, teaching, and extension; identify and obtain additional resources for the department; enhance the diversity of our faculty, students and staff; and support a climate of inclusiveness and respect.

**Department:** The department has 30 faculty (24 in Horticulture and 6 in Landscape Architecture), 35 professional, technical and clerical staff, 31 graduate students, 173 undergraduate students (84 in Horticulture and 89 in Landscape Architecture) and 8 postdoctoral associates. The Landscape Architecture program is fully accredited, and both Landscape Architecture and the Horticulture programs are nationally ranked. The department has excellent research programs in both horticulture production and fundamental plant biology with a strong interdisciplinary emphasis. Research in the department is supported by state-of-the-art facilities for both applied and basic research. The department supports a wide variety of extension programs for consumers and industry professionals. It is also committed to excellence in innovative and experiential teaching and learning as part of its mission to help a diverse student population reach their full potential. The department's strategic plan may be found here - <https://ag.purdue.edu/hla/Documents/StrategicPlan.pdf>. The department promotes a collaborative attitude that fosters collegiality, civility and respect among peers, staff and students.

**Qualifications:** The successful candidate must have: an earned doctoral degree or terminal degree in plant science, landscape architecture, or related field; appropriate qualifications for appointment as a tenured full professor in the department; an outstanding record in teaching, research, and/or extension; the ability to provide academic leadership; strong interpersonal communication skills; and the ability to communicate effectively with administrators, faculty, staff, students, stakeholders, and other groups.

**The College:** The Department is an integral part of the College of Agriculture, one of the world's leading colleges of agricultural, food, life, and natural resource sciences and ranked ninth globally in the 2018 QS World University Rankings. The College is deeply committed to the three land-grant missions (teaching, research, and extension), to international activities and perspectives that span all missions, and to excellence in all we do. The College has 11 academic departments and includes 313 faculty, 2803 undergraduate students, and 672 graduate students. The College's strategic plan can be accessed at <https://ag.purdue.edu/plan/Pages/default.aspx>

**Application Procedure:** Qualified persons are requested to submit the following: letter of application; statement of their vision of future needs for research, teaching and engagement in horticulture and landscape architecture; statement of administrative philosophy; complete curriculum vitae; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of five references. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential; references will be contacted only upon approval by the applicant.

The Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture is committed to advancing diversity in all areas of faculty effort, including scholarship, instruction, and engagement. Candidates should address at least one of these areas in their cover letter, indicating their experiences, current interests or activities, and/or future goals to promote a climate that values diversity and inclusion. Purdue is an ADVANCE institution—<https://www.purdue.edu/advance-purdue/>

Nominations of outstanding potential candidates for the position are welcomed. Applications, nominations and inquiries should be addressed to: Dr. Brian Farkas, Chair, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Head Search Committee, Purdue University. Electronic application submission is required via this site – <https://careers.purdue.edu/go/West-Lafayette-Faculty/7721600/>. The search committee will begin review of applications on February 22, 2019 and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Questions regarding the position may be addressed to Dr. Brian Farkas at (765) 494-8256 ([bfarkas@purdue.edu](mailto:bfarkas@purdue.edu)). A background check is required for employment in this position.

*Purdue University is an EOE/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.*