



### **Director of the Global Sustainability Institute**

We seek to recruit a dynamic leader who is passionate about research, education and engagement to further develop the Global Sustainability Institute (GSI) at Purdue. As the overall leader for the GSI, the individual has the opportunity to capitalize on the unique interdisciplinary strengths of Purdue in energy, climate, the environment, water and food. This is a key leadership position for Purdue and Discovery Park, and the Director will be expected to raise the national and international profile of sustainability.

The Director provides leadership and vision for the GSI which includes the following: Energy Center, Center for the Environment, Purdue Climate Change Research Center, Purdue Water Community, Purdue Center for Global Food Security, and the U.S.-China Ecopartnership for Environmental Sustainability. The Director will foster a team oriented approach focused on sustainability and is expected to effectively communicate the Institute's achievements and vision to a variety of stakeholders, including the public, NGOs, policy makers, government leaders, industry and scientists in other disciplines. The Director is responsible for all aspects of the GSI operations, including budget, staff, and coordination of the Centers and Institute initiatives. The Director is expected to utilize the unique infrastructure and investment of Discovery Park to integrate research and engagement among the centers to sustain and grow a world class Institute. The Director of the GSI reports to the Executive Director of Discovery Park and works closely with academic Deans, Department Heads, Discovery Park researchers, and the GSI Center Directors in the administration of the program.

### **Qualifications**

Individuals must hold the rank of Professor at Purdue West Lafayette and have a PhD in a sustainability-related field, a broad knowledge of global sustainability research opportunities, and a successful track record of research leadership, engagement, and scholarly achievement in an area directly related to global sustainability. She or he must have demonstrated capability to bring together and facilitate interdisciplinary groups. The individual must be self-motivated, enjoy new challenges and opportunities, and engage effectively with faculty and a variety of stakeholders across many disciplines.

Applications are welcome until September 16<sup>th</sup> or until a suitable candidate is identified. This position is a 5 year appointment with the potential for renewal after review. Potential applicants are encouraged to discuss their interest with their department head, as the Directorship is a 75% appointment in the Global Sustainability Institute with a 25% academic appointment in the individual's home department. Applicants should submit a letter articulating their experience and vision for GSI, as well as a current CV, electronically to Wendy Field ([wfield@purdue.edu](mailto:wfield@purdue.edu)).

If you have questions about the details of the position, please contact Al Rebar ([rebar@purdue.edu](mailto:rebar@purdue.edu)). If you have questions about the search, please contact Karen Plaut ([kplaut@purdue.edu](mailto:kplaut@purdue.edu)).

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