Auburn University is seeking a Director for the School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences in the College of Agriculture to provide vision and leadership that enhances the College’s tradition of excellence in teaching, research, extension/outreach, and service. The successful candidate will serve as the chief academic and administrative officer for the School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences and will report directly to the Dean of the College of Agriculture.

The newly designated School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences began as a department in 1933 and is noted as one of the best programs of its kind in the world. The School conducts outstanding teaching, research, extension/outreach and international programs in freshwater and marine aquaculture, fisheries management and aquatic resources. The School consists of 23 tenure/tenure-track faculty, five research fellows and over 100 other employees. There are approximately 160 students, of which 100 are graduate students pursuing a Master of Science, Master of Aquaculture or Doctor of Philosophy in Fisheries.

The College of Agriculture consists of the Departments of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology; Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences; Animal Sciences; Biosystems Engineering; Entomology and Plant Pathology; Horticulture; Poultry Science; and the School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences. The College of Agriculture has 138 tenured and tenure-track faculty members, 270 graduate students, and over 1,000 undergraduate students.

Auburn University (www.auburn.edu) is a comprehensive land grant, sea grant, and space grant institution with a dynamic 150 year history. The University’s main campus has a 2013-2014 enrollment of 24,864 students and offers degrees in 12 schools and colleges at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels. Auburn University is not only known for its great education programs, but is also notable for its $4 billion+ impact on Alabama’s economy. Auburn University is located in the family friendly town of Auburn, Alabama, with a population of 50,000, a renowned school system and nationally recognized medical center. Auburn is located approximately 50 miles from Montgomery, the capital of Alabama, and 110 miles from Atlanta, Georgia. This location provides a moderate climate with easy access to both beach and mountain recreational facilities.

The responsibilities of this position are to provide visionary leadership, and overall management of the School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences. The Director will be responsible for all budget development and management, securing funding, recruitment and supervision of personnel, professional development of faculty and staff, and coordination of the assessment and development of academic programs within the School. The Director will be assisted in these tasks by two Associate Directors. Together, they will provide oversight of the numerous state-wide departmental facilities which include extensive research, teaching and outreach/extension facilities at North Auburn, South Auburn, Greensboro, Mobile, Dauphin Island and Fairhope.
In addition to leading the transition and expansion from an outstanding department to a world-renowned School, the Director must develop strong working relationships with other departments, commodity groups, agribusiness representatives, various government and private/non-government agencies, and students and alumni. The successful candidate will report to the Dean of Agriculture and maintain close relationships with the Directors of the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, USDA-ARS Aquatic Animal Health Research Unit, the Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, the International Center for Aquaculture and Aquatic Environments, Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, the Alabama Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium (Dauphin Island Sea Lab) and the Aquaculture and Fisheries Business Institute.

The position requires an earned doctorate or equivalent and a distinguished scholarship record sufficient to merit appointment with tenure at the rank of Professor. The successful candidate should have an outstanding record of academic achievement in one or more of the following areas: research, teaching and/or extension/outreach; a strong commitment to shared governance; interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary program development; and a demonstrable record of successful administrative skills, experience, and cooperation to achieve university level goals. Effective communication skills with multiple constituencies in a diverse community; management skills for complex organizations including facilities development; strong interpersonal skills; and wide-ranging participation in service activities and professional societies are required. Capacity for visionary leadership and successful experience in the process of securing funds from the university and external sources for programs related to teaching, research, extension, community outreach and service are desired. The candidate must be knowledgeable of, and committed to, the unique mission of a land-grant institution and have substantial accomplishments in at least two of the three land grant mission areas.

Candidates should submit a letter of application, curriculum vita, five references, and leadership philosophy to the address below. While applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled, interested parties are highly encouraged to submit their materials by December 31, 2013 to assure optimal consideration. For details please see: http://www.ag.auburn.edu/fish

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Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.
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The candidate selected for this position must be able to meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States at the time appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment.