

Director of the Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and
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Job Title	Director of the Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment
Department	40580:Tracy Farmer Inst for Sust & the Environ
Institution	University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky
Date Posted	Dec. 13, 2024
Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Director/Manager
Academic Field(s)	Research
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Job Description

The University of Kentucky Office of the Vice President for Research is seeking experienced candidates currently employed by the University of Kentucky to apply for the position of Director of the Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment (TFISE). This senior level position reports to the Vice President for Research and is responsible for administration of the TFISE, including managing a \$200K operating budget and a \$5.1M endowment portfolio, personnel, research programs, productivity, and program prioritization. The Director will develop strategic plans for TFISE and new research, service, and outreach programs; develop resources for new priorities and conduct activities to develop new programs. The director is expected to engage in collaborative efforts with campus-wide groups that are focused on environmental issues.

Qualified candidates should currently be a faculty member in a department, school, or college at the University of Kentucky with a robust research program in environmental sciences or environmental studies. The successful candidate will maintain their faculty appointment in their current college and

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the directorship would be a minimum of 30% effort.

The TFISE Director will:

- Oversee research programs, budget, personnel, facilities, policies, reporting management, and strategic priorities of the TFISE.
- Develop strategic plans, new research, service and outreach programs for TFISE.
- Interact with University, local, state, federal and private stakeholders to provide services and to advance the TFISE programs.
- Interact with private citizens and the media to provide services and communicate science and policy issues.

Additional strengths will include skill with strategic planning; systems improvements; effective personnel management; excellent organizational and planning skills; attention to detail and follow-through; strong interpersonal and communication skills; ability to work cooperatively and collegially with others and the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.

About the Tracy Farmer Center for Sustainability and the Environment

The Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment (TFISE) was first established as the Center for the Environment in the year 2000. It was founded on a generous gift by Tracy Farmer, a long time Lexington area entrepreneur and horseman, and matched by Kentucky's Research Challenge Trust Fund. Mr. Farmer noted the interrelated nature of a healthy environment, a vital economy, thriving communities and individual wellbeing. His vision was to create a center at the University of Kentucky, focused on equipping our current generation of Kentuckians to thrive by building the research, teaching, and outreach capacity to manage our shared environment for future generations.

Application materials should include the following:

1. Curriculum vitae or resume
2. Cover letter summarizing your relevant experience
3. The names and contact information of three individuals when prompted in the application (references will not be contacted without candidate approval)
4. Include a letter of support from your department chair (under Specific Request 1).



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If you have questions, please contact Judy Duncan at 859-257-8286 or via email at jsbear0@uky.edu.
Confidential inquiries, nominations, and applications are invited.

Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when
applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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