



## Director of Nebraska EPSCoR/IDeA

**Job Description:** .5 FTE Director, Nebraska EPSCoR/IDeA; .5 FTE Associate Professor or Professor (tenured) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Engineering or Basic Life Sciences.

The Nebraska EPSCoR Director serves as the principal administrator of the Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) and the Institutional Development Award (IDeA) for the State of Nebraska. The Director reports to the Nebraska EPSCoR/IDeA Committee who is appointed by Nebraska's Governor and administratively reports to the University of Nebraska Executive Vice President and Provost. The primary purpose of the EPSCoR program is to: 1) stimulate systematic and sustainable improvements in the capacities of universities in Nebraska to compete successfully for Federal R&D (research and development) funds, and 2) develop opportunities to involve and encourage Nebraska's youth to pursue a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) career. The primary purpose of the IDeA program similarly is to increase the state's research capacity and competitiveness in biomedical research.

The Director develops a vision and long-term strategies regarding the operations, programs, and direction of the program. The Director provides reports to the Nebraska EPSCoR/IDeA Committee on Nebraska EPSCoR and IDeA activities and seeks their direction for policy and program plans. The Director then carries out the Committee's decisions through coordination and management of the process involved in distributing Requests for Proposals for research activities funded through the EPSCoR and IDeA programs. The Director leads the development and submission of statewide funding proposals which include multi-institutional, multi-departmental proposals. This involves the coordination of all researchers involved as well as the research offices on each campus. It also involves overseeing the financial management, planning and development of budgets to support the research venture and the operations of the EPSCoR/IDeA Office. The Director will review and make award decisions for small grant programs.

The Director provides overall administrative responsibilities related to the EPSCoR/IDeA Office operations. This includes supervision and yearly evaluation of full-time staff members.

The Director will interface with the office of the Governor of the State of Nebraska; the Nebraska Department of Economic Development; congressional staff in Washington, DC; the National Science Foundation; and other Federal agencies who have EPSCoR, IDeA or complementary programs. This includes visiting Capitol Hill, attending national meetings regarding EPSCoR and IDeA or conferences in science fields related to Nebraska scientific strategic initiatives, and being involved with the efforts of organizations who provide support for the EPSCoR and IDeA programs such as the lobbying group hired by EPSCoR states.

The Director must hold a doctorate in engineering or basic life sciences and have attained the rank of associate or full professor. The Director should possess a current and well-established record of scholarly publications and sponsored funding, and maintain that while serving as Director. Several years of proven administrative experience particularly as a research administrator are needed. The Director must have the ability to work collaboratively across all Nebraska universities, to build relationships and connections across disciplines, and to motivate and energize others to work together. This will be accomplished with exceptional skills in managing people and gaining satisfaction through their success; some experience with organizational integration would be valuable with a strong personal and professional interest in the EPSCoR and IDeA programs and their missions.

Review of applications begins on October 31st and will continue until the position is filled. If you need assistance with your application, please call (402) 472-3701.

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