Humboldt State University (HSU) announces a national search for its next Dean of the College of Natural Resources and Sciences (CNRS). The University seeks an exceptional leader who is a dynamic individual with the ability to effectively engage faculty, staff, students, and external constituencies in a collegial manner.

HSU, located in Arcata, California, 275 miles north of San Francisco, is a proud member of the public California State University (CSU) system with a strong history of acting on its ideals of social justice and environmental responsibility. HSU has been ranked as a top Western university (U.S. News & World Report) and a “Best in the West” college (Princeton Review). HSU has also been recognized as a Green College, as well as a Military-Friendly, Vegan-Friendly, and LGBT-Friendly institution. HSU students enjoy a rich campus life through more than 180 campus clubs, access to a state-of-the-art recreational facility, nationally recognized performers and speakers, and 12 NCAA Division II athletic teams.

Our world-class faculty and staff are committed to student-centered learning, research, and community engagement. Amid one of the most beautiful natural laboratories in the world, our students live and learn among ancient redwood forests, rugged mountains, rivers, and a wide variety of easily accessible marine habitats. CNRS faculty use high-impact field and laboratory-based teaching practices to help students explore dynamic natural laboratories unique to our campus setting on the northern California coast. Further, HSU is committed to diversity in all forms; it is designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution and maintains strong ties to the region's Native American tribes.

CNRS faculty, staff, and students are committed to excellence in the study of natural resources and sciences, hands-on learning that makes a difference, and advancing sustainability and social justice. The college offers a broad array of exceptional programs from its 12 departments and other units, including those truly unique to the CSU system, such as Wildlife, Oceanography, Fisheries, and Forestry and Wildland Resources. The 90-foot R.V. Coral Sea is the only marine vessel in the country used primarily for undergraduate education and research. In the Schatz Energy Research Center, student engineers are collaborating with global partners to cultivate sustainable lighting in resource-constrained regions. Other facilities and collections include a Marine Lab, CNRS Core Research Facility, Fire Lab, Fish Hatchery, Wildlife Game Pens, Observatory, Demonstration Tree Farm, Conservatory, Herbarium, Vertebrate Museum, Wildlife Museum, and Fish Collection.
The Dean of the College of Natural Resources and Sciences serves as the academic and administrative leader of the College responsible for: collaborating within CNRS and across other colleges in implementing the University-wide strategic plan; overseeing planning and evaluation to promote excellence among academic programs; enhancing student and faculty success; taking strategic and fiscal actions to foster a thriving and cutting-edge interdisciplinary learning and research community; promoting diversity and inclusion; fostering collegial and collaborative academic environment, facilitating grant acquisition in support of scholarly and co-curricular activities; and cultivating fundraising and development opportunities. The ideal candidate will be a passionate, committed and collaborative leader with successful experience growing high-quality academic programs. Additionally, the candidate will hold the terminal degree appropriate to his or her discipline, and demonstrate a distinguished record of excellence in teaching (undergraduate and graduate levels), research, and service that supports appointment and tenure at the rank of full professor in one of the College’s academic departments.

For a complete position profile, including a full list of the desired and required qualifications, please visit www.academic-search.com and click on the “Current Searches” tab. HSU has retained Academic Search, Inc. to assist with this search. Applications should consist of a cover letter describing how the candidate’s experiences fit the qualifications, a curriculum vitae, and the names and complete contact information for five professional references. References will not be contacted without the explicit permission of the candidate. Applications and nominations may be submitted in confidence to HumboldtCNRS@academic-search.com. The position will remain open until filled, but only applications received by March 25, 2016 will be assured full consideration. Confidential conversations about this opportunity may be arranged by contacting consultants William Howard, J.D. (at wfh@academic-search.com or 202-263-7489) or Eric Richtmyer, Ph.D. (at ewr@academic-search.com, or (202) 263-7485). The new Dean is expected to take office in August of 2016.

Evidence of required degree(s), certifications(s), or licenses(s) will be required prior to the appointment date. A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position. All CSU employees are obligated to respond to and report incidents of sexual harassment and sexual violence. The successful candidate for this position will be mandated to receive relevant training on an annual basis. The person holding this position is considered a ‘mandated reporter’ under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

Humboldt State University is a Title IX/Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, protected veteran status, or any other legally protected status. If accommodations need to be made during the recruitment and interview process, please contact Human Resources at (707) 826-3626 or hsuhr@humboldt.edu.