



Director of the Center for Tree Science

The Morton Arboretum invites nominations and applications for a Center for Tree Science Director, to lead and manage the Center at The Morton Arboretum to produce world-class scientific research with important practical applications to advance tree science. The Center for Tree Science brings together experts from botanical gardens, universities, government, industry, and other organizations to participate in collaborations that generate new knowledge and provide training to address key challenges facing trees in urban areas and in the wild.

The Director, in cooperation with the Vice President of Science and Conservation and the Center for Tree Science Steering Committee will lead the development and implementation of strategic objectives, set project priorities for the Center, and pursue opportunities for research, collaboration, funding, and enhanced relationships with appropriate agencies, people, and institutions. The goal of the Center for Tree Science is to energize and expand tree science by creating a nucleus of experts who regularly work together, exchange ideas, and use their collective achievements and strengths to increase research, training, and funding opportunities for tree science.

The Director will administer the program's personnel, budgets, grants and contracts, safety, and facilities; develop and support collaborative external relationships; lead fundraising for the program; write and speak to diverse audiences on behalf of the Center and the Arboretum as a whole; and foster integration with other program areas.

The Director will be expected to devote significant time to conducting her/his own research in a field complimenting existing Arboretum research programs, publishing in scientific journals, obtaining extramural funding, contributing to the scientific and green-professional communities, and participating in Arboretum education and collections programs.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in botany, forest science, horticulture, ecology, or related field; at least seven years' experience conducting top-level research relating to woody plants; record of effective written and oral communication with academic, professional, and public audiences; knowledge and interest encompassing the Arboretum's disciplinary breadth; significant experience in administrative leadership in a public garden, government agency, academic institution, or similar organization; record of securing grant and/or philanthropic support for science; and effective interpersonal skills.

Review of applications will begin December 15, 2014, and continue until the position is filled. Applicants should send a letter of application including statements of research, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references to The Morton Arboretum, Human Resources, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle, IL 60532, or jobs@mortonarb.org. For further information or to nominate candidates, please contact the Vice President of Science and Conservation, Dr. Nicole Cavender, at 630-725-2091 or ncavender@mortonarb.org.

The Morton Arboretum is a 1,700-acre public botanical garden, featuring one of the world's most diverse collections of woody plants, over 900 acres of natural areas, a comprehensive research library, modern laboratories and herbarium, and outreach education for professional and public audiences. Research at the Arboretum has focused throughout its 92-year history on finding practical solutions to the challenges of selecting and maintaining healthy trees in developed landscapes and natural woodlands, and on communicating results to practicing professionals and the general public as well as the research community. See www.mortonarb.org. The Morton Arboretum is an equal opportunity employer, committed to achieving a diverse workforce.