

***DIRECTOR - DESERT RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ADVISOR VEGETABLE OR AGRONOMIC CROPS***

Across California, the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) is an engine for problem solving. Serving as the bridge between local issues and the power of UC research, our more than 300 campus-based specialists and county-based farm, home, and youth advisors work as teams to bring practical, unbiased, science-based answers to Californians.

We seek a Director who can provide leadership and operational management for the Desert Research and Extension Center (DREC) in its mission of conducting cutting-edge research and outreach programs on issues critical to California. The Director will also have academic programmatic responsibilities in areas of agronomy and/or vegetable crops.

We seek a Director who is:

A collaborator with the ability to encourage innovative opportunities for our campus- and county-based academics to initiate, facilitate, and assist in successful research and delivery of extension educational programs. The ability to encourage collaborations among ANR and the public and private sectors is also essential.

A leader who can provide expertise and direction in prioritizing and allocating financial and human resources, conducting long-range facility planning and development, as well as space planning and allocation.

A skilled operational manager for our 225-acre research facility, with laboratory and greenhouse facilities; office and conference space; cropland; and the largest University research cattle feedlot in the United States.

A team player who can provide management oversight to academics as well as to additional career, support, and seasonal staff employees.

An innovative thinker who can assist this team in effectively managing the over 40 research projects conducted annually.

A visionary, who can complement ANR's Strategic Vision, optimizing opportunities for conducting outstanding research and extension programs that meet the needs of Californians.

For information about ANR, its rich breadth of program scope and delivery, and how we are making a difference in California, candidates are invited to visit our Web site: <http://ucanr.org/>.

DREC is located in El Centro, 117 miles east of San Diego, 245 miles west of Phoenix, and just minutes from border crossings to the cosmopolitan city of Mexicali, a city that boasts one of the highest standards of living in Mexico. DREC is located in the heart of California's Imperial Valley, where irrigation has transformed the desert into one of the most productive farming regions in California and where agriculture represents 48% of all employment. With a population of 42,598, El Centro boasts a small-town feel with an international flavor. El Centro, "Where the sun spends the winter," offers an arid desert climate and recreational access to the Algodones Dunes, the Salton Sea, and the Colorado River.

A minimum of a Master's degree is required though other advanced degrees are encouraged, with a background in a discipline related to the production of vegetable and/or agronomic crops. Experience in conducting applied research and education programs is required. For a full position vacancy announcement and application procedures, please contact Julie Drouyor at julie.drouyor@ucop.edu and refer to position listing **AP#11-08**. To assure full consideration, applications should be submitted by **October 21, 2011**. The University of California offers an attractive benefits package. For more information, please visit the UC Benefits Web site: <http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/>.