The University at Albany, State University of New York, invites applications for the position of Director of The RNA Institute. Reporting to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Director should have a background in the broad area of RNA science and technology. He or she is expected to take the lead in shaping the future of the Institute, articulating a vision that defines its standard of excellence, mentoring young faculty and evolving the Institute to the next level of scientific distinction.

The RNA Institute serves as a resource for research and discovery. Work is focused on developing tools and analytics with applications to biotechnology, disease models and interventions. Current research strengths include RNA structure and function, RNA-based determinants of gene regulation, RNA-linked components of disease etiology and RNA-based therapeutics.

The Institute is a joint venture backed by university, corporate, and government entities in New York’s Capital Region. Housed in newly constructed space, the Institute is located in the interdisciplinary Life Sciences Research Building financed by state, federal and corporate funds. The Institute is well staffed and equipped with an advanced instrumentation facility, a mass spectrometry center and a computational facility.

Located in New York’s capital city, the University at Albany is within easy reach of the major metropolitan areas of New York City, Boston and Montreal and outstanding recreational areas including the Berkshires, the Catskills and the Adirondacks. The University offers its more than 17,000 students the expansive opportunities of a major research university and an environment designed to foster success. UAlbany students choose from 120 undergraduate majors and minors and more than 125 graduate programs many of which are nationally ranked.

The ideal candidate will possess a distinguished record of academic success, significant scholarly achievement and an entrepreneurial spirit. Department assignment will be in Biological Sciences or Chemistry, appropriate to their research interests. The successful candidate will be an investigator with proven excellence in leadership, a commitment to mentor and develop junior faculty and an outstanding record of funded research, as well as the desire to build bridges with other schools, corporations and media outlets. He or she will have demonstrated the ability to foster a climate where learning and discovery flourish. The director will show the ability to balance strong academic and intellectual leadership with effective external relationship-building and resource development.

A complete application will include a letter describing relevant experiences and interest in the position; current curriculum vitae; and the names of five references with titles, mailing addresses, business/home telephone numbers, and email addresses. Applicants must address in their letter their ability to work with and instruct a culturally diverse population. Individuals who wish to nominate a candidate should submit a letter of nomination, including the name, position, address, telephone number, and email address of the nominee. Greenwood/Asher & Associates, an executive search firm, is assisting the University at Albany in the search.
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