

Director, School of Packaging, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan State University

Packaging, the third largest global industry, is expected to reach \$975 billion dollars by the end of 2018. The impact of this market on the global economy continues to demand highly trained professionals and scientific research that produce innovative and sustainable solutions to support economic growth worldwide. The School of Packaging (SoP) at Michigan State University (MSU), rated #1 by Universities.com Best Colleges 2017, has been creating knowledge and awarding degrees in the science and technology of packaging since 1952. As the pioneer of the packaging discipline and the sole packaging Ph.D. degree granting institution in the United States, the MSU SoP has been preparing educational leaders for the packaging discipline across the globe resulting in an incontestable reputation and the creation of a community for excellent research and education for all. To continue to lead the packaging industry and the academic fields, the MSU SoP invites applications and nominations for the position of Director. This position is a full-time, 12-month appointment that is open to candidates who meet the requirements for tenure at the rank of Professor in the School of Packaging.

The MSU SoP is seeking a dynamic individual with academic and/or industry experience as well as outstanding record of achievements. This should include a documented record of scholarship, leadership, team building, and management. The applicant should have an appreciation for the range of disciplines related to the field of packaging and the missions of teaching, research, innovation and outreach. The successful candidate must possess outstanding communication and interpersonal skills, along with the ability to promote the MSU SoP and increase its national and international prominence. Qualified candidates must have a doctorate in packaging or a discipline closely connected to the broad field of packaging such as engineering, material science, natural sciences, food science, business, or education. Candidates with strong connection to and/or experience in industry are encouraged to apply. Qualified candidates must meet the requirements for tenure at the rank of Professor in the School of Packaging. Additional information about qualifications and responsibilities is available at <http://canr.msu.edu/packaging>. Send inquiries, nominations, and questions regarding the position to Dr. Laurent Matuana, Search Committee Co-Chair, at matuana@msu.edu or (517) 353-4616. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential. References will be contacted only upon approval of the applicant.

Applicants are requested to submit: 1) a cover letter describing your interest in the position with an emphasis on your experience and philosophical approaches to achieving a culture of diversity and inclusion; 2) an up-to-date CV; and 3) names and contact information of three references who are familiar with your work, experience and leadership skills online at <http://careers.msu.edu> (posting #545448). Review of the applications will begin March 2019 and the search will remain open until the position is filled. The position is a full-time, 12-month appointment that will include a faculty rank of Professor. The expected start date is August 2019 or as negotiated.

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University is committed to achieving excellence by creating and sustaining an accessible and inclusive culture that values cultural and academic diversity. We are an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. The College is particularly interested in candidates of all backgrounds who are committed to the principle that academic excellence is achieved through open access and proactive inclusion.