



Jean Mayer USDA  
Human Nutrition  
Research Center on Aging

The Jean Mayer United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University (HNRCA) is seeking a Director to help enhance the vision and excitement for the research programs of the HNRCA. By leveraging the extensive resources in nutrition and biological sciences at Tufts, the director will develop and grow collaborative programs within the university and with other external partners.

Reporting to the Provost of Tufts University and serving as a key member of the University's leadership team (with Dean equivalency), the director at the HNRCA has two major responsibilities: 1) providing vision, leadership and operational accountability for HNRCA research activities and programs; and 2) coordinating with the Agricultural Research Service in planning, managing, and evaluating the overall HNRCA program and mission.

The director is responsible for the overall development, budget management, and operation of the HNRCA which includes planning, directing and evaluating research programs designed and executed with the a view toward Federal missions and goals. Essential areas of responsibility include: directing research that focuses on the impact of nutrition on the aging process and age-related chronic disease consistent with the mission established by Congress; seeking research funds from governmental and outside resources that ensure compliance with the HNRCA mission; fostering the education of pre and post-doctoral scientists (which may include teaching, training and supervision); ensuring optimum use of available resources and state of the art research methods and procedures; and representing the Center on important matters to Tufts University and others, including the USDA, other academic institutions, and the private sector.

The director will possess high-level scientific research, as well as managerial, budgetary, and human resources management skills. The director must also possess strategic planning skills. Stature and an international reputation in the field of nutrition is essential, as the programs of the HNRCA are of national and international importance and scientific findings have relevance within the USDA, NIH, and the wider nutrition science community.

The successful candidate will have an M.D. and/or Ph.D. or other doctoral degree and be a dynamic leader with a compelling vision for nutritional science in the 21st century. Ideally, she/he will have an impressive set of accomplishments in areas related to nutrition research and will have a track record that includes: stature and international reputation in nutritional related laboratory research with 10+ years of experience; demonstrated experience in management and/or administration in higher education, including strategic planning, program development and evaluation, and financial management; a broad awareness of, and enthusiasm for, cross-disciplinary programs and initiatives; and experience in working with the federal government.

Spencer Stuart has been retained to assist Tufts University with this most important recruitment. Spencer Stuart and the Search Committee respect the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Letters of application, with curriculum vitae, and letters of nominations should be submitted by email (preferred) to:

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