Professor and Director  
Tata-Cornell Agriculture and Nutrition Institute (TACO-AN)  

Cornell University invites applications for a tenure-able Full Professor with responsibility for establishing a long-term research and education institute supported by an endowment designed to help reduce poverty and malnutrition in rural India. The founding director will conduct research and lead a multidisciplinary research and training program focused on the design and evaluation of innovative interventions that link agriculture, food systems and human nutrition, including the impacts of nutrition and agriculture policies on poverty and nutritional status. The goal of the institute is to enhance individual and institutional capacity in the areas of agriculture, nutrition and rural development. The institute will support multidisciplinary action research and educational programs conducted by collaborative teams from Indian universities, government and non-governmental organizations, and Cornell.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The TACO-AN Director will be an internationally recognized expert who will lead and direct this India-based research and education program. The director will develop a comprehensive framework and strategic plan, establish program priorities and directions, and be responsible for program implementation. The director is expected to provide engagement opportunities for Cornell faculty and Indian colleagues from several disciplines through the administration and selection of projects for funding. S/he is expected to seek synergistic linkages with proposed or on-going projects of other organizations that are consistent with the TACO-AN program objectives, and to engage broadly with the Cornell University community. The director of this university-wide institute will report to the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences who represents the Provost and other college deans. An established international advisory board will advise the director regarding program development. The donor and the President of Cornell University provide ultimate programmatic and financial oversight for the endowment. In academic matters related to his/her position as a tenured faculty member the professor will report to his/her department chair.

The TACO-AN Director will be a faculty member based in Ithaca, NY at Cornell University appointed in either the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences or the College of Human Ecology. The appointment will be in an appropriate academic department depending on the interests and expertise of the successful applicant. The director is expected to work closely with an India-based associate director to identify appropriate research problems in India, develop collaborative partnerships and funding opportunities, support Cornell research activities, network with Indian educational and
development partners, and facilitate communications with program collaborators and beneficiaries in India.

The successful candidate will devote half of his/her time to research and 50% effort to TACO-AN administration, which includes mentoring, teaching and advising students involved in the program as well as program leadership. In addition to responsibility for financial and programmatic management, the director will be expected to leverage the endowment’s funds by obtaining external research and training funding. Program management responsibilities will include: 1) managing the TACO-AN competitive grants program designed to bring new faculty and students into the program, and 2) monitoring and evaluation of TACO-AN program components. Because TACO-AN offers the opportunity to do long term longitudinal research, the director is expected to anticipate and plan new activities and programmatic themes as appropriate. The director will be expected to promote the TACO-AN program within and through Cornell. In addition, it is expected that the appointee will devote half of his/her time to research on agriculture, food and nutrition using a systems approach.

**Qualifications:**

Candidates for the Director are expected to have a strong background and expertise in agriculture and food systems, population health, and nutrition in resource limited settings and a PhD, MD, DVM or equivalent degree. International experience is required and experience in India is desirable.

**Application procedure:**

Submit electronically a letter of application, curriculum vitae, selected reprints, statement of research goals and plans, and names and addresses of three references to Renee Hoffman at rmh6@cornell.edu.

Cornell University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action educator and employer. Cornell actively encourages applications from women and minority candidates.

Review of applications will begin September 1, 2012 and will continue until the position is filled.

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