



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **Research Director Fats and Proteins Research Foundation**

This position requires a Ph.D., DVM, or similar advanced scientific degree in the field of animal science, meat science, veterinary medicine, microbiology, organic chemistry, or other relevant subject.

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Responsible for managing the research program of the Fats and Proteins Research Foundation (FPRF) and writing technical reports for members and other audiences.

#### **SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- This position does not have personnel supervisory responsibilities.

#### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Research proposals
  - Review, analyze and evaluate research proposals submitted to FPRF, Clemson University's Animal Co-Products Research and Education Center (ACREC), and the Colorado State University's Pet Food Alliance regarding the impact on the rendering industry.
  - Provide recommendations about research projects for FPRF members to facilitate funding decisions.
- On-going research
  - Track progress of funded projects underway and advise researchers to ensure good outcomes (not necessarily positive outcomes, but accurate research results).
- Research reports
  - Read, analyze and evaluate FPRF-funded research reports as well as scientific papers published from FPRF research regarding their impact on the rendering the rendering industry.
- Future research
  - Assist FPRF members to identify priority areas for future research. Develop and plan strategically about needed research for long term benefits to rendering.
  - Assistant the FPRF officers and president in fund-raising activities.
- Ensure research program and activities align with and advance the FPRF Strategic Plan.

- Represent FPRF as an authority on rendering research and promote the scientific foundation of the rendering process.
- Attend scientific meetings to represent FPRF and the rendering industry.
- Plan and manage the annual research budget for FPRF.
- Review the scientific literature for outside scientific developments that impact rendering in fields such as animal science, veterinary medicine, sustainability, food safety, and chemistry.
- Manage relationships with Clemson University-ACREC, the Pet Food Alliance at Colorado State University, and other universities engaged in FPRF research or that could be in the future. Convince key researchers to engage in rendering work.
- Write research activity reports and monthly newsletter articles for review by communications staff. Write research articles for *Render* magazine.
- Promote FPRF to the scientific community by periodically publishing in scientific journals and delivering presentations when opportunity arises.
- Collaborate on problem-solving and joint projects among staff and membership working on FPRF projects.
- Align and coordinate FPRF research with the policy needs of the North American Renderers Association (NARA) to benefit the overall rendering industry.
- Maintain professional demeanor at all times and comply with NARA policies and procedures.
- Build and maintain effective business relationships with employees at all levels in the organization.
- Travel and work evenings and /or weekends as the business requires.
- Perform special projects and other related duties as assigned/needed.

The Fats and Proteins Research Foundation is managed by the North American Renderers Association. NARA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a drug-free company located in Old Town, Alexandria, VA, near Washington, D.C. <http://www.NARA.org>.