About This Role: Kansas State University seeks applications and nominations for the position of Head, Eastern Kansas Research-Extension Centers (EKREC). The EKREC provide interdisciplinary crop and livestock research and extension activities, and other extension programs at Parsons and Manhattan (Northeast Regional Extension Office), and various satellite locations. The successful candidate will facilitate interdisciplinary integration among research and extension functions and ensure that research and extension faculty and staff work effectively together to communicate applied research-based information to constituents.

Responsibilities:

• Promote excellence in interdisciplinary research, extension, outreach, graduate student training, and extramural funding.
• Provide strategic direction to the units to assure program relevance and impact, and technology transfer through effective use of human, physical, and financial resources.
• Administer personnel, budget, facilities and equipment at all locations.
• Promote professional development of faculty and staff.
• Promote effective communication and teamwork among faculty, staff, university administrators, stakeholders, community leaders and extramural sponsors.
• Engage with faculty and constituents across agricultural, 4-H/youth development, family and consumer sciences, and community development subject matter areas.
• Promote public visibility of all units in the local community and throughout eastern Kansas.
• Collaborate with regional stakeholders and industry to ensure relevant programs and collaborative opportunities.
• Create an environment that fosters diversity, collegiality and ability to work in a multi-cultural setting.
• Provide leadership such that Eastern Kansas Research-Extension Centers contribute to strategic plan for Kansas State University, the College of Agriculture, and K-State Research and Extension.
• Appointment as Head will be for an initial 3-year term with the opportunity for administrative reappointment.

We Support Diversity and Inclusion: Kansas State University embraces diversity and inclusion. The university actively seeks individuals who foster a collegial environment and cooperative interactions with coworkers, students, and others. The University is dedicated to promoting the Principles of Community.

What You’ll Need to Succeed: Minimum Qualifications:

• An earned doctorate in agriculture, natural resources, family and consumer sciences, youth development, community development or related field.
• Demonstrated leadership qualities to lead a complex research and Extension organization that includes administrative, personnel management, budgeting, communication skills, and grantsmanship.

• Demonstrated commitment to the principles of equal opportunity, diversity, and affirmative action

• Ability to work effectively as a member of an administrative team.

Preferred Qualifications:

• Credentials for appointment as a tenured, full professor

• Ability to represent the units to university administrators, governmental bodies, and stakeholder groups

• Ability to effectively implement the policies of Kansas State University, the College of Agriculture, the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station, the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service, and the Kansas Board of Regents.

• Knowledge of the history and philosophy of the land grant university.

How to Apply:

Please submit the following documents:

1. Applicants should submit via PageUp at: https://www.k-state.edu/hcs/tools/employees/internal-jobs.html?job=509511a

2. Please provide a letter of interest that addresses the applicant’s vision, administrative philosophy, and qualifications,

3. Curriculum vitae

4. Names, phone numbers and email addresses of three (3) professional references

Minority and women candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

Screening of Applications Begins:

Screening begins on August 25, 2020 and continues until filled

Anticipated Hiring Salary Range:

Salary commensurate with experience

Equal Employment Opportunity:

Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer of individuals with disabilities and protected veterans and actively seeks diversity among its employees.

Background Screening Statement:

In connection with your application for employment, Kansas State University will procure a Background Screen on you as part of the process of considering your candidacy as an employee.