

DIRECTOR, SCOTT-RITCHEY RESEARCH CENTER

COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE



The [Scott-Ritchey Research Center \(SRRC\)](#) at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine (AUCVM) seeks a strategic, creative, collaborative leader and established scientist in biomedical research to serve as its director. The director will be responsible for all aspects of research development, infrastructure, internal and external funding, proposal development, contract and grant accounting, research compliance and ethics, and technology transfer resulting in the promotion of research excellence for the center. The SRRC mission is to conduct innovative and impactful basic and translational research to improve the health of companion animals and to facilitate the applications of new information to the clinical and scientific communities. The director reports to the Associate Dean for Research and will be located in Auburn, Alabama.

The AUCVM is located on the Auburn University campus in east-central Alabama. Collaborative research opportunities are readily available within the college, as well as with colleagues across the Auburn University campus. Opportunities exist for continued development of impactful interdisciplinary collaborations with the Harrison School of Pharmacy, the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering and MRI Research Center, as well as other colleges and schools. Strong partnerships also exist with the [HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology](#), a state-of-the-art genomics facility in Huntsville, Alabama, and with medical colleges at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, located on the Auburn campus. The SRRC is a state-of-the-art, interdepartmental and interdisciplinary research program in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Supported in part through an endowment, the SRRC relies on private funds, grants and contracts to support the majority of its research activities.

[Auburn University](#) is a nationally ranked land-grant institution recognized for its commitment to world-class scholarship, interdisciplinary research and an undergraduate education experience second to none. Auburn is home to more than 30,000 students. Its faculty and research partners collaborate to develop and deliver meaningful scholarship, science and technology-based advancements that meet pressing regional, national and global needs. Auburn's commitment to active student engagement, professional success and public/private partnership drives a growing reputation for outreach and extension that delivers broad economic, health and societal impact. Auburn's mission to educate, discover and collaborate drives its expanding impact on the world.

[Auburn](#) residents enjoy a thriving community, recognized as one of the "best small towns in America," with a moderate climate and easy access to major cities or to beach and mountain recreational facilities. Situated along the rapidly developing I-85 corridor between Atlanta, Georgia, and Montgomery, Alabama, the combined Auburn-Opelika, Alabama-Columbus, Georgia statistical area has a population of over 500,000, with excellent public school systems, outstanding recreation facilities and a regional medical center.

The selected candidate will be expected to:

- Advance the research mission of the SRRC in the investigation of diseases/conditions affecting dogs and cats, including those that serve as animal models for human disease
- Lead an internationally recognized, extramurally funded research program and support SRRC faculty in building research programs consistent with the center's mission
- Incorporate education into the center's research mission at graduate, professional and undergraduate levels
- Work in conjunction with the college's development officers to secure philanthropic support for the center

The successful candidate will be an established scientist in biomedical research with a strong record of scholarly achievement, peer recognition and sustained extramural funding as a principal investigator. The successful candidate must have a scholarly record that merits appointment at the rank of professor in an academic department of the college. The director will demonstrate a commitment to modern, visionary scientific approaches to the advancement of knowledge and improvement of health and a compelling vision for advancing the mission of the SRRC. Excellent interpersonal communication skills and demonstrated leadership and organizational abilities in support of biomedical research are required. A terminal degree in the biomedical sciences (PhD, DVM/VMD, MD, DMD or equivalents) is required. The candidate selected for this position must be able to meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States at the time the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment.

The SRRC is privately endowed, and endowment income is available to support infrastructure and general research needs. A generous startup package will be provided for the successful candidate, including potential for resources to enable recruitment of new faculty members and development of new programs.

[Review the full leadership profile for the Director, Scott-Ritchey Research Center.](#)

Salary and benefits will be commensurate with education and experience.

Electronic submissions of all nominations and applications are encouraged. Those with interest in this position should submit a curriculum vitae and a letter of application indicating experience as it relates to the position description to:

Search Committee – Director, Scott-Ritchey Research Center

Attention: Managing Director

Breckenridge Partners

Email: mek@breckenridgepartners.com

Initial review of candidates will begin after February 15, 2019 and will continue until a qualified candidate is appointed.

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