



AgMission Program Director

Job type: Full-time, Exempt

Location: Washington, DC, Remote work available

Salary: \$150,000-170,000

Job Description

*Applications received via Indeed will not be considered. All interested applicants should apply via the [link](#) listed in the "Application and Nomination Process" section.

The [Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research](#) (FFAR) is a non-profit organization that builds public-private partnerships to fund audacious research addressing the biggest challenges in food and agriculture. FFAR is committed to providing every person access to affordable, nutritious food grown on thriving farms. The Foundation pioneers scientific and technological innovation by funding research that fills critical research gaps. Ultimately, FFAR's partnership and results benefit farmers, consumers and the environment.

Position Description

AgMission™ is an unprecedented initiative mobilizing farmers, ranchers, scientists, data providers, stakeholders and funders to develop and implement climate-smart solutions at scales and rates previously unimagined. This initiative is supported by three organizations: The Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR), the U.S. Farmers & Ranchers in Action (USFRA) and the World Farming Organization (WFO). We are seeking an exceptional Program Director with expertise in climate change as it relates to agriculture, and in managing large, complex projects and data sets.

We seek candidates who will be a visionary for AgMission. Candidates must have a strong interest in the intersection between agriculture and climate change with excellent program management skills and experience in working in digital agriculture and/or creating and managing data systems of agricultural or climate change relevance. Those who have experience working directly with the researchers and farmers that are deploying technological solutions to production systems are preferable. The position will be housed within FFAR and have strong engagement with USFRA and WFO with an annual salary commensurate with experience.

The successful candidate will be expected to collaborate in a creative and rigorous way with each of the three partner organizations, and with outside stakeholders in the agriculture/climate arenas. The Program Director will report to and be responsible for working closely with the Executive Director and for developing and overseeing partnerships to create impactful and implementable programs directly related to the intersection of climate change, data and agriculture in partnership with industry, government, academia, non-profits and the farming community.

The AgMission Program Director will be responsible for day-to-day activities including (but not limited to) working to develop programs and bringing together current knowledge and data that fill gaps and/or advance science, promote data interoperability of data that are essential to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and create and implement a framework of climate change solutions for farmers. As such, the Director must be able to network and create relationships with organizations and individuals who work in these areas and/or could become funding partners

As FFAR is a funding organization and works through researchers around the world, the Director will create funding opportunities and the process for review and evaluation of applications and proposals; design, promote and monitor the progress of funded projects; and be responsible for the day-to-day management of specific initiatives, including managing project meetings, logistics, timelines, budgets, and associated grants and contracts. This position will serve as the liaison between FFAR, USFRA and WFO, developing processes and methods in support of a program that is central to the efforts of climate mitigation in agriculture.

This is a science administration and management position that requires research knowledge; excellent interpersonal and writing skills; a high level of organization, diplomacy and focus, ability to work under tight deadlines and familiarity with the agriculture research environment. The fellow in this position will have the opportunity to hone their research, data analysis, reporting, customer service, stakeholder engagement and administrative/organizational skills.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead the design of the Climate Activation Framework
- Develop and facilitate multi-disciplinary partnerships to support innovative science.
- Develop networks to implement programs developed through AgMission.
- Serve as liaison between FFAR, USFRA, WFO and other organizations.
- Organize the evaluation of projects.
- Manage grants and/or contracts.
- Coordinate and managing cross-functional project team meetings.
- Develop and manage budgets and expenses.

- Manage priority setting processes and relationships among diverse partners from different sectors (farmer groups, government, nonprofits, academia and/or private industry).

Qualifications

Required Competencies and Skills:

- Technical expertise in agricultural and/or climate sciences is required. Preference will be given to candidates who also have experience in data/computational science.
 - Demonstrated track record in design of big data that integrates public and private data sets. Ideally this person has led huge data efforts.
- Project Management:
 - Oversees daily management of standard programs, projects and events, with demonstrated project management skills and proficiency with project management tools and software.
 - Ability to work and successfully coordinate and complete tasks in a matrixed management environment.
 - Strong Leadership who can lead internal teams across 3 partners and networks of councils and partners
 - Familiarity with data/computational sciences within the scope of large data projects.
- Content Development:
 - Generates engaging and comprehensive content.
- Relationship Building:
 - Develops relationships within and outside of department and with external constituents.
 - Partnership management.
- Engagement:
 - Knowledge and experience in multi-stakeholder engagement.
 - Demonstrated ability to develop and manage external relationships that bring direct and indirect value to projects.
- Communication:
 - Listens actively; speaks and writes clearly and concisely.
 - Demonstrates ability to act as a spokesperson for FFAR and USFRA efforts in AgMission.
 - Proficient in engaging with internal teams to address communications and legislative needs as appropriate.



- Mentorship:
 - Collaborates with and mentors others by taking initiative on team projects.
- Program Development:
 - Capable of developing and implementing program initiatives that align with organization's mission with leadership guidance.
 - Keen knowledge of the agriculture community.
 - Demonstrates understanding of research and scientific issues.
- Judgement:
 - Keeps leadership informed of all independent initiatives to identify potential issues and suggests possible solutions.
- Social Media:
 - Proficient using social media platforms and identifies opportunities to promote work through these networks.

Education and Experience:

- Masters required, PhD preferred, in Agricultural Climate, Environmental and/or Data/Computational Sciences or related field.
- Five (5) or more years of experience directly relevant to the position as described.

Application and Nomination Process

Please click [here](#) to apply for this role. Applicants must include both a cover letter and resume. Incomplete packages will not be considered.

Additional Information

This position requires long period of sitting at a desk and working on a computer. There may be potential for travel when it is safe to do so, but travel would be limited. Must have the ability to lift up to 20 lbs.

EEO Statement

FFAR is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants are considered for positions without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information or any other category protected by applicable federal, state or local laws. Applications are encouraged from individuals who may fall into any such groups, as well as from veterans and uniformed service members.