



**Louisiana State University System
Executive Director
Pennington Biomedical Research Center**

The Louisiana State University System seeks an Executive Director for the Pennington Biomedical Research Center (PBRC). The Executive Director reports to the LSU System President, Dr. John V. Lombardi, and is responsible for administration of the center, located on a 234-acre campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Center's scientific mission encompasses nutrition and preventive medicine – its faculty are world leaders in obesity research, with a multidisciplinary team encompassing basic, clinical, and population scientists. An emerging area of multidisciplinary focus is physical and cognitive aspects of aging. The Center's facilities provide outstanding support of genomics, cell biology, and clinical and translational research.

The Executive Director must hold a Ph.D. and/or M.D. degree and have noteworthy managerial experience in organizing and overseeing national-level biomedical research. Duties encompass shaping and supervising the scientific mission of PBRC's basic, clinical, and applied research scientists. Consequently, the successful candidate's record should include distinguished publications, sustained research support, and a national and international reputation among scientific colleagues.

As the champion and chief spokesperson of the center, the Executive Director is expected to build effective relationships with external constituencies, positioning the PBRC nationally and internationally among business, industry, and philanthropic leaders. The Executive Director is expected to facilitate joint research programs with the other LSU System institutions including the two major medical centers in Shreveport and New Orleans and the LSU A&M flagship campus in Baton Rouge. In addition, the PBRC is ready to embark on a major fund raising campaign and the Executive Director will take a leadership role in this effort.

Opened in 1987, PBRC, the largest academically based nutrition research center in the world, has an annual budget of \$65 million with 75 percent of the total coming from grant and contract funding. The center employs a staff of 185 scientists, including 85 faculty, 60 adjunct faculty, and 40 postdoctoral fellows. The center encompasses 570,000 square feet of research space, including 52 research laboratories and 19 core facilities dedicated to research and education in nutrition and preventive medicine. A new 80,000 square foot clinical research building is under construction.

Applications and nominations will be accepted until the next Executive Director is selected. Interested parties are encouraged to submit materials to the address below by July 15, 2009 to assure optimal consideration. Applications and formal nominations received by the Committee are matters of public record under Louisiana law. Informal inquiries and informal suggestions of potential applicants are encouraged and should be directed to Nicholas Brill at:

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