



## Chief Operations Officer

Teagasc is the national authority for the provision of integrated research, advisory, education and training services to the Irish agri-food sector. It is a leading internationally recognised organisation for the creation of innovative technological solutions for food systems transformation and economic development. Aligning with global demands for more sustainable food systems and with the *European Green Deal* roadmap, including the *Farm to Fork* strategy, Teagasc is developing pioneering new technologies to drive change in the way Ireland produces, processes, consumes and exports its foods.

### The Role

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) will report to the Director of Teagasc and will be part of the senior management team. With over 1,300 employees and a budget of €195M, Teagasc runs over 400 research projects annually across its 7 research centres and provides education and advisory services to 45,000 farmer clients and food producers and over 4,500 students. To support this diverse array of activities, the COO will utilise leading-edge methodologies and best practice to strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of the organisation across all areas, including human resources, finance, ICT, corporate affairs and infrastructural resources. The COO will ensure that these functions actively contribute to the enablement and achievement of Teagasc's strategic goals and objectives. The appointee will build a strong ethos of delivery and value creation for all stakeholders and will also act as Secretary to the Teagasc Authority.

### The Person

This position requires an outstanding leader who has held a senior operations management role in a services-based organisation. Educated to postgraduate level, or equivalent, in a relevant area, the successful candidate will possess more than 10 years' leadership experience and will have significant knowledge and understanding of change management in areas including human resources planning, financial management, ICT and governance. The appointed person will possess exemplary strategic planning, organisational and interpersonal skills.

Further details are available at: [www.teagasc.ie/about/opportunities/current-vacancies/](http://www.teagasc.ie/about/opportunities/current-vacancies/)

To pursue your interest, please email a comprehensive CV and supporting letter to:  
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For a confidential discussion, please contact Luke Freeley at +353 (0)1 534 5115.

Closing Date for receipt of applications is 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 20th, 2020.

*Candidates for this role will be sourced through both advertising and executive search processes.*

*In line with its Gender and Diversity Strategies, Teagasc is seeking a balanced pool of candidates.*



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