



Director of Research

Teagasc is the national public authority for the provision of integrated research, advisory, education and training services to the Irish agri-food sector and its research capability is a key part of Ireland's research and innovation infrastructure. With an annual research budget of €75m, Teagasc runs over 400 projects annually across its 7 research centres. In line with global demands for more sustainable food systems, the *European Green Deal* roadmap, and to support the economic and social sustainability of Irish farms, Teagasc's world-class research programmes are developing pioneering new technologies to drive change in the way Ireland produces, processes, consumes and exports its foods. Teagasc is recognised nationally and internationally for the quality of its research programmes. The integration of its research and knowledge transfer functions gives Teagasc a unique ability to support science-based innovation.

The Role

The scientific development and strategic management of the research resources of Teagasc is the core function of this position and the Director of Research will also be part of Teagasc's senior leadership team. He/she will be responsible for leading four key research programmes: animal and grassland; crops, environment and land use; food; and rural economy and development. The appointee will ensure that these programmes are integrated to the maximum extent with the advisory and educational areas of the organisation. The successful candidate will develop a strong national and international profile and will contribute in a significant way to the development of the Irish agri-food industry.

The Person

This position requires an inspirational, scientific leader with an outstanding track record of achievement. Possessing appropriate qualifications, to PhD level or equivalent, the successful candidate will demonstrate a compelling vision of the contribution that Teagasc's research programmes will make to the transformation of Ireland's agri-food sector. The appointed person will be a thought-leader with a global perspective who possesses a deep understanding of the economic, environmental and social sustainability challenges facing the sector. Exceptional stakeholder management and influencing abilities are essential, in addition to exemplary interpersonal and communication skills.

Further details on this position and the application process are available at:
www.teagasc.ie/about/opportunities/current-vacancies/

For a confidential discussion, please contact:
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Closing Date for receipt of applications is 12:00 noon on Thursday, October 28th, 2021.

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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