

Position Announcement

Research Laboratory Director

Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University

The Jean Mayer United States Department of Agriculture Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging (HNRCA) at Tufts University is seeking a visionary leader of national and international stature to lead its research program in nutritional bioactive compounds and functional foods research and healthy aging (formerly the Antioxidants Research Laboratory). Under new leadership, it is anticipated that this program will have a broader focus on the molecular basis of aging and the promotion of healthy aging through nutrition particularly bioactives.

HNRCA is the largest research center in the world devoted to studying the role of nutrition in healthy aging and in the prevention of age-related chronic and infectious diseases. The HNRCA is one of only six human nutrition research centers in the United States supported by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the intramural research branch of the USDA. Located on the Tufts Health Sciences campus in downtown Boston and adjacent to Tufts Medical Center which houses the Tufts Clinical Translational Science Institute, the HNRCA is uniquely positioned to contribute to both human nutrition and aging research. The HNRCA is operated by a cooperative agreement between the USDA and Tufts University, with most of 270 scientists and staff employed by Tufts. A recent external review of the Antioxidants Research Laboratory identified areas for growth and evolution, providing an opportunity for the incoming Laboratory Director to actively expand the Laboratory's original focus.

Qualifications:

Ph.D. and/or M.D., with established record of publications and funding in basic/translational research related to nutrition, cellular senescence, and lifestyle appropriate for appointment at the rank of Scientist I or Senior Scientist (equivalent to Associate Professor or Professor).

Record of scientific leadership and ability to lead a multi-disciplinary team of investigators.

Success in receipt and completion of extramural research grants and contracts.

Ability to build upon and expand rich collaborative activities with other research teams at the HNRCA, Tufts, USDA-ARS and external investigators.

Resources Available:

Competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Generous laboratory and office space.

USDA-ARS annual core funding.

Opportunity for appointment to appropriate Tufts University faculty.

Excellent existing intellectual expertise and technical capabilities in nutrition and metabolism, including physiologic and biochemical measurements in humans and animals and examination of nutritional bioactives effects on metabolic health, prevention of chronic disease, and maintenance of independence. Several core facilities including a metabolic research unit to conduct clinical trials, mass spectrometry, comparative biology, and biostatistics.

Nominations and Applications: Both nominations and applications are welcome. Nominations need to include complete name and address of the nominee. Individuals wishing to apply should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of research interest and leadership vision, and names of four professional references to Dr. Roger A. Fielding Ph.D. (roger.fielding@tufts.edu). Review of applications will begin October 1, 2016. Review of candidates will commence on January 1, 2017.

Tufts University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our faculty. Members of underrepresented minority groups are encouraged to apply.