The University of Michigan (U-M) seeks a distinguished biomedical scientist and academic leader as its next Mary Sue Coleman Director of the Life Sciences Institute (LSI). Founded in 1999, the LSI is a collaborative, free-standing biomedical research institute located on the University’s Ann Arbor campus. The LSI Director provides leadership and strategic direction to the Institute and is a critical leader for biosciences on campus, reporting functionally to the Provost as well as serving as a key advisor to the President.

The LSI brings together leading scientists from a variety of disciplines, working with a range of experimental models and using an array of cutting-edge research tools to understand fundamental biological mechanisms and produce discoveries that will ultimately improve human health and the treatment of disease. Of the University’s $1.3 billion in research expenditures, more than half is spent on research in the life sciences, and the LSI is a cornerstone of this effort. The LSI is closely linked with the University’s life and biomedical science departments and professional schools, and each of LSI’s laboratory heads holds a tenure-track position in an academic department.

This is an exceptional opportunity to lead an innovative scientific organization with a highly successful track record and take it to ever increasing levels of excellence drawing upon the significant resources of a world-class university. Under the leadership of President Mark Schlissel, a biomedical scientist and physician, the University has engaged its faculty and bioscience community to envision the future of the biomedical enterprise at Michigan and the new LSI Director will play an important role in helping to shape and enact that future.

The Director will work with the LSI faculty and partner departments to recruit outstanding scientists. She or he will be expected to identify important scientific trends and research opportunities, both at the national and international level, and then to develop new resources and programs to further enrich the scientific enterprise at LSI and beyond.

The successful candidate will be a distinguished basic biological or biomedical scientist who qualifies for tenure as a full professor in one of the University’s academic units. Successful candidates should have an active research program and outstanding leadership.

Professor David Ginsburg is chair of the Search Advisory Committee and can be reached at ginsburg@umich.edu. The full Committee composition, an expanded version of the position description, and an online option to submit nominations are at http://myumi.ch/lsi-director.

Applications (letter of interest and CV) and inquiries regarding the position are encouraged electronically to LSI.Director@umich.edu. Review will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. For serious consideration, materials are encouraged by August 15, 2015.

Additional information about the University of Michigan and Life Sciences Institute are at http://www.umich.edu/ and http://www.lsi.umich.edu/.

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