Applications are invited for the position of Head of the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics at Texas A&M University. An ideal candidate should have an internationally recognized research program, a demonstrated commitment to undergraduate and graduate education, significant administrative experience and visionary leadership. The position requires a Ph.D. in the biological sciences or a related field, with a record of distinction in research, teaching, and service.

The Department, with more than 50 faculty (https://biochemistry.tamu.edu), offers undergraduate degrees in Biochemistry and Genetics (~70 degrees conferred/academic year) and has a highly active doctoral program in Biochemistry, currently comprising more than 100 graduate students. Research activities in the Department address scientific questions in biochemistry, biophysics, genetics and genomics, and cellular and molecular biology. The Department houses the Center for Phage Technology, the Center for Structural Biology, the Integrated Metabolomics Analysis Core, and the Biomolecular NMR Facility. Texas A&M, one of the largest universities in the country, has more than 65,000 students from all 50 states and 124 countries, a multibillion-dollar endowment ranked 4th among public universities, and a top 20 research enterprise. College Station/Bryan is a Sun Belt metropolitan area with nearly 180,000 residents. It is consistently ranked among the best places to live in the country, yet retains a low cost of living with easy access to major Texas cities.

Applicants should submit the following: 1) a cover letter; 2) a detailed curriculum vitae; 3) a research statement; 4) a statement of administrative philosophy; 5) a statement of vision for the Department, specifically addressing undergraduate and graduate education, faculty mentoring, fostering academic research programs across multiple disciplines, advancing diversity, and a strategy for development (fundraising); and 6) e-mail, telephone, and mailing addresses of three referees. Review of applicant pool will begin December 1, 2017 and continue until the position is filled. Position is available June 1, 2018.

The Texas A&M University System is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer (https://employees.tamu.edu/ocrm/eeo). The university is dedicated to building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty and staff committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment; applications from women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are strongly encouraged. Texas A&M University is aware that attracting and retaining exceptional faculty often depends on meeting the needs of two careers and having policies that contribute to work-life balance. For more information, visit http://dof.tamu.edu/Faculty-Resources/Faculty-Work-Life.