



## **DEPARTMENT HEAD**

Department of Textiles, Apparel Design and Merchandising  
College of Agriculture  
Louisiana State University

Louisiana State University A&M in Baton Rouge, LA seek candidates for Department Head of the Department of Textiles, Apparel Design & Merchandising (TAM). The successful candidate will be a leader with a shared vision to guide, support, and inspire a multidisciplinary faculty and staff in their tripartite mission of scholarly teaching, research, and outreach.

**Duties and Responsibilities:** The successful candidate will have leadership and administrative responsibilities for encouraging, supporting and continuing to develop academic excellence in cutting-edge research, education, and outreach in the Department. The Director will represent the Department, strengthen existing partnerships and develop new liaisons and partnerships with stakeholders locally, statewide, nationally, and globally. The Department Head should be committed to promoting and growing the undergraduate and graduate program into a leading unit of its kind in the country. The Department Head will take the lead in strategic planning and program assessment for the Department that is consistent with the university strategic plan. Specific duties will include: administration of scholarly programs; mentoring of faculty, staff, and students for professional growth and advancement; oversight and administration of curricula; recruitment of new faculty; budget preparation and management; and serving as a liaison with external organizations to include state, national, and international academic and private or governmental institutions. The Director will work with faculty to capitalize on internal and external funding for their programs.

### **General Information:**

TAM averages 250 majors and minors; the departmental student retention rate is the highest in the college and the second highest in the university. The undergraduate program offers a Bachelor of Science degree in TAM with concentrations in Textile Science, Apparel Design, and Merchandising. The graduate program offers both a thesis and non-thesis Master of Science Degree and a Ph.D. with concentrations in Textile Science, Historic/Cultural, Apparel Design, and Merchandising. The department is a valued part of the College of Agriculture.

LSU transforms lives. Located in Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana, and enriched by Louisiana's natural and cultural distinctiveness, the community of learning at Louisiana's national Flagship University readies students to meet the environmental, social, economic, scientific, creative, and educational challenges that confront us locally and globally in the twenty-first century. Learning

together, the students who begin their intellectual journey with us and the faculty whose research translates discovery into purpose make LSU a beacon of excellence. LSU represents the largest institution of higher education in the state and is the only public university in the state to be designated a Carnegie Research University with Very High Research Activity. Among a handful of distinguished universities to enjoy Land, Sea, and Space Grant status, LSU offers vital research opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students as it transforms new technology into enterprise and lends expertise to solve endemic problems.

**Qualification Requirements:** The position requires a Ph.D. degree or equivalent in Textiles, Apparel, Merchandising or related area. Candidates should have a record of distinction in research, teaching, and extension with qualifications necessary to hold a tenured academic rank of Professor. Demonstrated leadership and administrative experience at an academic institution are essential.

**Special Instructions:** Required attachments include a letter of application, curriculum vitae/resume, transcripts, contact information for at least 3 references, statement of teaching and research interests, and evidence of expertise in apparel design and merchandising. A copy of your transcript(s) may be attached to your application (if available). However, original transcripts are required prior to hire. An offer of employment is contingent on a satisfactory pre-employment background check.

**Salary & Benefits:** Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. LSU has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

**Application Deadline:** August 1, 2017 or until a suitable candidate is selected. Applications will be accepted and reviewed until the position is filled.

For Additional Information:           Dr. Louise Wicker, Director  
  School of Nutrition and Food Sciences  
  Louisiana State University  
  Baton Rouge, LA 70803  
  [lwicker@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:lwicker@agcenter.lsu.edu) or 225-578-6153

**Quick link to apply:** <https://lsu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/LSU/job/LSU---Baton-Rouge/Department-Head-Chair-Tenured--Textiles--Apparel-Design-and-Merchandising- R00000052>