



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AUBURN RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION

[Auburn University](https://www.auburnrtf.org/) invites nominations and applications for the position of Executive Director, Auburn Research & Technology Foundation (ARTF) (<https://www.auburnrtf.org/>). This individual will be responsible for providing leadership and guidance for the ARTF, including all functions pertaining to the development of the Auburn Research Park (AURP). This would include working very closely with the Provost, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, the Auburn University Research & Technology Foundation (ARTF) Board of Directors, the University's College Deans and the cities of Auburn and Opelika. The Executive Director will be expected to coordinate with University leadership and the ARTF Board of Directors to develop and implement a strategic plan for ARTF. The plan should encompass the organized development of the AURP including developing a marketing strategy to recruit partnerships that span the corporate ecosystem that create research opportunities for faculty, as well as internship and coop opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students. The successful candidate must manage the direction, coordination, continual growth and assessment of ARTF and work with the cities of Auburn & Opelika on issues and various opportunities related to the AURP. The Executive Director must establish budgets and provide financial and operational updates to the ARTF President and Board of Directors while ensuring that all activities of ARTF are conducted professionally and efficiently. The successful candidate will report to the President of ARTF and be based in Auburn, Alabama.

Auburn University is one of the nation's premier public land-grant institutions and in 2018 was ranked 46th among public universities by U.S. News & World Report. Auburn maintains high levels of research activity and high standards for teaching excellence, offering bachelor's, master's, educational specialist and doctorate degrees in agriculture and engineering, the professions, and the arts and sciences. Its 2018 enrollment of 30,440 students includes 25,734 undergraduates and 4,706 graduate and professional students. Organized into 12 academic colleges and schools, Auburn's 1,450 faculty members offer more than 200 educational programs. The university is nationally recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, its positive work environment, student engagement and beautiful campus.

[Auburn](#) residents enjoy a thriving community, recognized as one of the "best small towns in America," with a moderate climate and easy access to major cities and to beach and mountain recreational facilities. Situated along the rapidly developing I-85 corridor between Atlanta, Georgia, and Montgomery, Alabama, the combined Auburn-Opelika, Alabama area has a population of more than 100,000 with excellent public school systems, outstanding recreation facilities and a regional medical center.

Minimum qualifications for this position include a bachelor's degree with 15 to 20 years of business experience and a minimum of seven years' experience working in the continued development of a world class university research park. Experience in an early stage research park would be an asset with a successful record of recruiting the entire span of the ecosystem that traverse innovation (discovery research to product (market)). A successful record of attracting public and/or private (angel /venture) funding to support start up early stage company formation and product development is a must. An entrepreneurial professional who not only understands working with administration and faculty but also functioning with cities and maintaining all relevant local, state and federal laws and regulations as they pertain to a University Research Park. Demonstrated leadership capabilities, along with superior management and communication skills and an innate ability to build consensus among diverse groups is necessary. Salary and benefits will be commensurate with education and experience.

The candidate selected for this position must be able to meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States at the appointed time and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment.

Electronic submissions of all nominations and applications are encouraged. Those with interest in this position should submit a curriculum vitae and a letter of application indicating experience as it relates to the position description to:

Search Committee – Executive Director, Auburn Research Park

Email: mek@breckenridgepartners.com

Initial review of candidates will begin after November 15, 2019 and will continue until a qualified candidate is appointed.

Auburn University is an EEO/Vet/Disability Employer.