



## **Position Available, Director of the Rescuing Biomedical Research Project Princeton University**

Princeton University invites outstanding scientists and policy analysts to apply for a two-year position as Director of Rescuing Biomedical Research, a consortium of biomedical scientists, university administrators and government officials who are advocating for reform of the biomedical research enterprise. The Director will be a full-time, benefits-eligible employee of Princeton University, appointed at the rank of Professional Specialist, and will reside within the Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics on Princeton's campus.

Rescuing Biomedical Research (RBR) was founded by Bruce Alberts, Professor of Biochemistry at the University of California at San Francisco and former President of the National Academies of Science and Editor-in-Chief of Science magazine; Marc Kirschner, Chair of Systems Biology at Harvard Medical School; Shirley Tilghman, Professor of Molecular Biology and Public Affairs and President Emerita at Princeton University; and Harold Varmus, Professor at Weill Cornell Medical College and former Director of the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute. They were motivated by concern over the rate of growth in the size of the biomedical community that was outstripping the resources needed to support its activities. The mismatch between individuals and resources has generated a hypercompetitive environment that does not encourage creativity or risk-taking, nor does it attract the most talented of the next generation of scientists. The goal of the project is to catalyze widespread discussion within the biomedical community, build a consensus around the changes that will need to occur within the federal government (especially the National Institutes of Health), university administrations, and most importantly within the scientific community itself, and then aggressively advocate for change.

Successful candidates will work closely with Professor Tilghman in residence at Princeton, as well as work with members of a steering committee around the world who are committed to the project. The candidate will take up the day-to-day responsibility for coordinating the RBR project--- by analyzing the growing commentary on the issues and by collecting data on the policy and economic issues that inform each specific proposal for reform. He or she will represent the RBR at conferences, seminars and workshops dedicated to the topic, as well as schedule meetings, phone calls, and projects and administer a website devoted to the project. For more information about the Rescuing Biomedical Research project, please visit its website at [rescuingbiomedicalresearch.org](http://rescuingbiomedicalresearch.org).

The Director will also be able to participate in the rich intellectual life in biomedical research at Princeton, including the Department of Molecular Biology, Lewis-Sigler Institute, Princeton Neuroscience Institute and the Department of Chemical and

Biological Engineering, as well as the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. The Director will have access to a wide range of other activities throughout the University.

Applicants must apply online and submit a cover letter and a CV. To apply, please submit a cover letter and CV at:  
[jobs.princeton.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=67684](http://jobs.princeton.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=67684)

The application deadline is January 15, 2016 for full consideration; however, applications will continue to be reviewed until the position is filled.

#### Essential Qualifications

Applicants must have demonstrated a strong interest in public policy and the ability to successfully organize and implement complex programs or projects. Advanced degree required.

#### Preferred Qualifications

A PhD in the biological sciences or related field is highly advantageous.

Princeton University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. This position is subject to the university's background check policy.