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Executive Director and Vice Provost

University of Tennessee - Oak Ridge Innovation Institute (UT-ORII)
Oak Ridge National Laboratory

The University of Tennessee-Oak Ridge Innovation Institute (UT-ORII) is seeking a visionary leader to serve as Executive Director and Vice Provost, driving transformative collaboration between one of the nation's premier research universities and the largest DOE Office of Science laboratory to accelerate breakthrough innovations in science, technology, and education that address society's most pressing challenges.

Executive Leadership Opportunity

Reporting to the ORNL Laboratory Director, the Executive Director of the University of Tennessee- Oak Ridge Innovation Institute (UT-ORII) provides strategic leadership and operational oversight to advance the institute's mission and long-term success. This position is an essential part of ORNL and the University of Tennessee System's scientific executive leadership, helping to identify and drive collaborative research initiatives, foster innovation, and strengthen the integration of graduate education and research excellence. The Executive Director also holds the title of Vice Provost at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

ORNL is the largest Office of Science national laboratory in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) system, with world-leading user facilities and extraordinary expertise across multiple scientific domains. Located in the beautiful foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains of East Tennessee, ORNL collaborates globally to address national challenges.

Leading Cutting-edge Research Across Five Convergent Research Initiatives (CRIs)

Fusion Technologies and Materials for Extreme Environments	Radiopharmaceutical Therapies
Circular Bioeconomy Systems	Transportation
Advanced Manufacturing for Building Construction	

Qualifications

- Possess a PhD in a science or technology area relevant to DOE mission and UT-ORII research themes with an outstanding record of scholarly achievement and excellence.
- Have 5+ years executive management experience with large, complex research organizations.
- Demonstrated experience in successfully developing, implementing, and executing scientific strategy with engagement from critical stakeholders.
- Distinguished record of research program development on forward-leaning concepts.
- Exceptional communicator who is skilled at building relationships with internal and external partners and possesses the ability to represent the organization in a compelling fashion.
- Experience in mentoring and supporting the development of research trainees, including graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, early career joint faculty.
- Successful experience in working across different types of research organizations, including DOE national laboratories, for greater impact.



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Join UT-ORII and accelerate innovation on complex and pressing challenges that require convergent research, and to develop a next generation of scientists and engineers who thrive in dynamic, team-based settings.