



CARET DELEGATE JOB DESCRIPTION

The typical profile of a CARET delegate would be a person that is:

- an end user of the land-grant university's food and agricultural research, extension, and/or teaching programs
- politically knowledgeable and has close ties or has the capacity to develop close ties to one or more members of Congress
- intensely interested in many areas of public policy (particularly agriculture in its fullest sense)
- prone to want to make a difference on those issues of interest to the agricultural research, extension, and teaching components of the land-grant university system
- willing to work in a collaborative environment
- knowledgeable about the land-grant university system
- able to make the time commitment to serve as a CARET delegate in order to participate in CARET activities (nationally and regionally) and functions at their appointing institution

CARET delegates are expected to interact with members of Congress and others with whom they are familiar on a frequent basis throughout the calendar year (including the annual Joint CARET/AHS Meeting in Washington, DC) to provide a knowledgeable, credible endorsement for the annual A·P·L·U Board on Agriculture Assembly budget recommendations and legislative proposals (e.g. farm bill) affecting the agricultural research, extension, and teaching programs of the land-grant university system.

CARET delegates also are expected to have and maintain a strong working relationship with the Administrative Head(s) of Agriculture of their appointing institution.

It is the policy and practice of the CARET organization that individuals currently on the appointing institution's payroll are ineligible to serve as a CARET delegate.