

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Daniel J. Robison biography

Daniel J. Robison began his tenure as the Endowed Dean's Chair of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State University in January 2019. He also serves as director of the Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station. Following a national search, he was announced as the 11th dean in the history of Iowa State's agricultural college in October 2018.

The College includes approximately 4,500 students, 15 academic departments, and 600 faculty and staff (www.cals.iastate.edu). The College has a network of farm and field stations around the state - including new capacities in livestock, grain processing and biorenewables; extensive laboratory and greenhouse facilities; collaborative federal laboratories; Extension and outreach activities in all 99 Iowa counties; and about \$60 million in annual research activity. There are also satellite campus facilities in Uganda, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Montana. Major initiatives in global engagement, innovation and entrepreneurship, sustainability, and agricultural vitality and food systems are continually being advanced. The college has key partnerships with public and private sector interests across the agricultural sector, and includes work in natural resources, technology, and life and social sciences.

Robison came to Iowa State from West Virginia University, where he served from 2012-2019 as the dean and experiment station director of the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design. Prior to that position, Robison served on the faculty at North Carolina State University for 16 years, where he directed the Hardwood Research Cooperative working with forest products industries and agencies across the South. He completed his tenure at NC State as professor and associate dean of research in the College of Natural Resources. Prior to NC State he worked on the faculty at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry-Syracuse (SUNY ESF), and in a variety of capacities while in residence in Cote d'Ivoire West Africa.

Robison, a forester and forest entomologist by discipline, has published and presented, and trained graduate students in the areas of forest entomology and pest management, silviculture of natural hardwoods, biomass-bioenergy plantation systems, agroforestry and clonal forestry. His international experience includes two years in West Africa as a consultant and volunteer for the West Africa Rice Development Association, African Development Bank, U.S. Peace Corps, and Agency for International Development. He has also done field work in countries that include Canada, Myanmar, Israel and South Africa.

Robison earned a doctorate in entomology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1993. He earned a master's degree in silviculture and forest influences in 1986 and a bachelor's degree in forestry in 1982, both from SUNY ESF. He was a Fellow of the American Council on Education 2007-2008, with service at University of Alaska-Fairbanks and East Carolina University.

Robison is a native of New Jersey. He and his wife, Julie, a native of Wisconsin, have two daughters.