Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Chair of the Department of Animal Sciences at The Ohio State University.

Responsibilities. The Chair, who reports to the Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, administratively leads a comprehensive and diverse departmental program of research, teaching, extension, and international development. The Chair fosters effective, collegial, cooperative, and productive relationships among students, staff, and faculty within the department and with other departments and programs at the university; works with other department chairs and administrators to advance the vision and missions of the department in order to optimize resource needs of the department; and promotes the department and college with state, national, and international organizations. The Chair will have the opportunity to carry on instructional, research, and/or outreach activities, commensurate with their administrative responsibilities and interests.

The Department of Animal Sciences. Housed within the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, the Department provides undergraduate and graduate students formal and informal learning opportunities, both in and out of the classroom, to guide students in achieving their goals and become the next generation of industry and academic leaders. Undergraduate students can choose from 7 Animal Sciences minors and majors degree specializations (including specializations in Animal Biosciences, Animal Industries, and Veterinary Technology). The Department offers a robust graduate program that awards MS and PhD degrees. There are currently 37 graduate students and 630 undergraduates enrolled in departmental majors. Research, Extension and education programs in the Department aim to increase the economic profitability of agricultural animals and the quality of their products, improve animal welfare and food animal health, and lessen the environmental impact of production animal systems, and foster human-animal relationships. The Department utilizes/oversees multiple animal facilities comprising of beef, equine, dairy, small ruminants (sheep and goats), swine and poultry.

The Department employs 42 faculty and 85 staff members working at the Columbus and CFAES Wooster campuses, and research centers statewide including the Center for Food Animal Health. Additional information, including the current strategic plan, is available at the Department’s website, https://ansci.osu.edu/. The chair position will be based on the Columbus campus.

Qualifications. Candidates must: hold an earned doctorate in animal sciences, or related field; have tenure-track faculty experience or equivalent; be eligible for appointment as a tenured full professor; and exhibit the ability to administer and manage the fiscal and human resources in an academic department. The Department seeks forward-thinking candidates with demonstrated
leadership qualities, experience developing undergraduate academic programs, and who exhibit an entrepreneurial approach. The applicant must have a demonstrated ability to provide leadership spanning disciplinary boundaries by developing and maintaining productive working relationships with other department chairs and school directors, alumni, university personnel, state and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders of the Department. Candidates must also have experience or show potential to supervise people and manage physical resources (budgets, space, equipment). Related, the candidate must have a track record or demonstrated ability to work with diverse faculty, staff, students and stakeholders. The successful candidate will have a distinguished record of research, teaching, and/or Extension, as well as a demonstrated ability to successfully garner external financial support.

**Application Procedure:** Review of applications will begin March 15, 2021 and continue until a qualified candidate is identified. Nominations of qualified individuals are invited at any time. Qualified persons are requested to submit the following: 1) a letter of application; 2) a statement of the applicant’s vision and administrative philosophy; leadership experiences and qualifications; 3) a complete curriculum vitae; 4) names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, of four references; and 5) a statement of philosophy and approach to building a diverse, inclusive and welcoming environment for faculty, staff and students. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential. Submit application materials in one pdf document.

**Application materials should be submitted to (PDF format):**


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The Ohio State University is committed to establishing a culturally and intellectually diverse environment, encouraging all members of our learning community to reach their full potential. We are responsive to dual-career families and strongly promote work-life balance to support our community members through a suite of institutionalized policies. We are an NSF Advance Institution and a member of the Ohio/Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Higher Education Recruitment Consortium. The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or identity, national origin, disability status, or protected veteran status.