Position Announcement

Chair and Professor, Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics
College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
The Ohio State University

Applications and nominations are invited for outstanding candidates for the position of Chair of the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at The Ohio State University. The new Chair will be uniquely positioned to build on the strengths of the department and will drive the department forward towards its mission of scholarship, education and dissemination of knowledge through application of economic principles to society’s challenges in agriculture, the food system, the environment, and economic development.

The Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at The Ohio State University provides world-class teaching, research and outreach in applied economics, with concentrations in the areas of agricultural economics and agribusiness, environmental and resource economics, international and development economics, and regional and urban economics. The department has 19 tenured and tenure-track faculty and a dedicated group of 9 program staff personnel. The department offers academic programs leading to a B.S. degree in Agribusiness and Applied Economics, a B.S. degree in Environment, Economy, Development and Sustainability, a Masters of Applied Economics (MAE), and a Ph.D. in Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics. The Faculty produce nationally and internationally renowned programs to fulfill its land grant university missions in teaching, research, and extension education.

Responsibilities: The Department Chair is responsible for leadership, strategic planning, finances, administration, academic affairs and external relations of the department. The Chair will be committed to enhancing the education, research, and service missions and will possess an exceptional scholarly record, leadership skills, and strategic capacity to advance the department. Responsibilities include oversight of personnel including performance reviews, administration of merit pay increases, development of workload assignments, and management of budgets and facilities. The Chair may also carry on instructional, research, and outreach activities commensurate with his/her administrative responsibilities. The Chair is responsible for establishment and maintenance of a financial and operational environment that is focused on appropriate internal controls. This should include, but not be limited to, appropriate segregation of duties in the processing of financial transactions, appropriate mandatory approvals, appropriate procedures to maintain effective custody over university resources, appropriate monitoring and oversight and appropriate mandatory reconciliations. The Chair reports to the Vice President and Executive Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Qualifications: Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, or a related area, and must have distinguished academic credentials and eligibility for appointment to the rank of professor with tenure in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at The Ohio State University. The applicant must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and should have a proven record of using sound judgment in identifying, prioritizing and solving organizational problems in an academic or related setting; as well as experience working with industry to drive ongoing communication and partnerships. Additional essential qualifications include successful administrative experience, the ability to effectively engage a broad range of internal and external stakeholders, and a demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Application Procedure: Review of applications will begin September 1, 2018 and continue until a qualified candidate is identified. Nominations and applications from qualified individuals are invited at any time. Qualified applicants are requested to submit the following: letter of application; statement of the applicant’s vision and administrative philosophy; leadership experiences and qualifications; a one-page statement of philosophy and perspective related to inclusion and diversity, and how they can help us achieve our goals related to diversity and the mentoring of underrepresented groups; and curriculum vitae including names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of five references. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential; references will be contacted only upon approval of the applicant.

Application materials should be sent electronically (PDF format) to: Mary Roberts at Email: Roberts.299@osu.edu

Questions should be directed to:

Dr. John C. Foltz
Chair of the Search Committee
The Ohio State University is committed to establishing a culturally and intellectually diverse environment, and 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.