

The Division of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources

The Division is dedicated to acquiring and disseminating knowledge relevant to an ever-changing environment, using dynamic and frontier-expanding technologies to achieve its goals in teaching, research and extension.

The Agricultural Experiment Station

Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station activities are centered in Stillwater and enhanced by programs at 16 research locations across the state. The Division's capability for assisting with Oklahoma's economic development is augmented by the Oklahoma Food and Agricultural Products Research and Technology Center, located on the Stillwater campus.

The Cooperative Extension Service

The Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service serves the citizens of Oklahoma primarily through county Extension offices. Research information from Oklahoma State University and other land-grant colleges is extended to the people of Oklahoma to increase agricultural productivity and profitability, promote better family relationships, nutrition, and health, provide better community services and encourage the development of Oklahoma's youth.

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

The College currently offers degrees in 47 options through nine departments. Fall 2017 enrollment in CASNR departments totals 2,836 with 438 of those being graduate students. Graduate degrees are offered in all departments.

The Department of Agricultural Economics

The department consists of 26 tenure track faculty members, two area agricultural economics specialists, two rural development specialists, and 17 support personnel. Nine tenured faculty currently hold a chair or professorship.

The department's 530 undergraduate students may select majors in Agricultural Economics or Agribusiness and specialize in one of eight options or three double majors. For fall 2017, seven of OSU's Top 20 Freshmen were agricultural economics and agribusiness majors. The department has 48 graduate students with 31 of these in the doctoral program. The department currently has one Fulbright scholar enrolled. Numerous recent PhD students have been hired by other land-grant universities.

The department has a strong commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and extension. Numerous faculty members have won departmental, college, university and association awards. The department has a long history of producing applied research that is widely used by policymakers and agricultural businesses. Extension faculty have been widely recognized by state, regional, and national agencies and professional associations for outstanding individual and group

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Position Announcement

Department of Agricultural Economics

Willard R. Sparks Endowed Chair in Agribusiness Studies



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Willard R. Sparks Endowed Chair in Agribusiness Studies

The Sparks Chair is endowed through a gift from the late Willard R. Sparks, founder and chairman of the board of Sparks Companies, Inc. The holder of the Sparks Chair will be expected to develop and/or sustain a nationally-recognized research and teaching program in the general area of agribusiness. The chair holder will be expected to direct studies to understand factors affecting agricultural and natural resource industries, develop information to aid private sector firms in making business decisions, and provide information to assist and guide government leaders in understanding the implications and impacts of policy alternatives on agribusinesses. Specific responsibilities will depend upon the individual hired, but potentially include the following:

- Focus on one or more subject matter areas of agribusiness, such as management, marketing, finance, or production
- Teach approximately one course per semester at the undergraduate or graduate level
- Advise graduate students (Ph.D. and M.S.) and undergraduate students
- Seek extramural support to supplement agribusiness research and teaching programs
- Communicate research results to professional peers and industry groups
- Coordinate appropriate research efforts with Extension faculty

Qualifications Include the Following

- Candidates should currently hold or have previously held the rank of Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor, or an equivalent position and have a Ph.D. degree in agricultural economics, economics, business administration, or other related disciplines.
- Candidates must have a record of high productivity and a record of producing relevant applied research.
- The successful candidate should have demonstrated an ability to effectively work with departmental and inter-disciplinary university faculty groups, agribusiness firms, and government agencies .

Applications and Nominations

- Applications must be submitted electronically by clicking on [LINK](#). Click the "Apply Now" button in the upper left corner. Screening of applicants will begin December 15, 2017.
- Questions may be directed to Mike Woods (mike.woods@okstate.edu) Agricultural Economics department head or Wade Brorsen (wade.brorsen@okstate.edu) the chair of the Willard R. Sparks Endowed Chair search committee.
- Application materials include a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, and a list of five references.

Oklahoma State University

A Dynamic, Progressive University

Oklahoma State University is a comprehensive, land-grant research university. Founded in Stillwater in 1890, OSU now has campuses in Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Okmulgee.

- **Faculty and Staff.** About 1,300 full time faculty are employed on all OSU campuses along with approximately 3,300 full-time staff.
- **Enrollment.** Total enrollment has been growing and now exceeds 35,000 students with more than 25,000 on the combined Stillwater and Tulsa campuses.
- **Graduates.** More than 240,000 bachelor's master's, doctoral, professional, and associate degrees have been granted since the first six graduates in 1896. A total of 9,492 degrees were granted in 2016-2017.
- **Degrees.** The University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in nearly 200 fields, as well as the professional DVM and Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degrees. Specialist in Education degrees are offered in selected fields.
- **Operating Budget.** The total operating budget from all agencies in 2017-2018 is \$1,299,092,996.