Applications and nominations are invited for the open position of Professor and Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources on the Stillwater campus of Oklahoma State University.

Department of Agricultural Economics has a national and international reputation for excellence in teaching, research, and extension. The Department Head administers state, national, and international programs and is accountable to the Vice President, who is also the Dean and Director of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. The department consists of 28 tenure-track faculty members, 25 staff personnel, three area extension agricultural economics specialists, and two area extension rural development specialists. The department’s approximately 380 undergraduate students may select majors in agricultural economics or agribusiness and specialize in one of twelve options. The department averages 60 graduate students.

Department faculty members have repeatedly won university and professional teaching awards. The department has a long history of producing applied research that is widely used by policymakers and agricultural businesses. Extension faculty members have been widely recognized for outstanding individual and team extension programs.

Oklahoma State University is the state’s comprehensive land-grant university. Founded in Stillwater in 1890, OSU now has campuses in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Okmulgee. OSU has about 1,300 full-time faculty members and about 3,300 full-time staff. Total enrollment for all campuses exceeds 27,000 students with more than 20,500 on the Stillwater campus. More than 170,000 bachelor’s, master’s, doctoral, professional, and associate degrees have been granted since the first six graduates in 1896. A total of 3,625 degrees were granted in the 2005-2006 academic year. OSU offers bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in nearly 200 fields as well as a professional Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine and the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degrees. Specialist in Education degrees are offered in selected fields. The total operating budget from all units in the 2005-2006 fiscal year was $520 million.

**Position Responsibilities**

The responsibilities of this position include leadership in:

- Planning, developing, integrating, and implementing departmental teaching, research, extension, and international programs;
- Diversity efforts of the department to recruit and retain outstanding faculty, staff, and students;
- Management of human, financial, and physical resources;
- Development of faculty and staff programs and activities supportive of the Department’s and the Division’s strategic plans;
• Representation of departmental and faculty interests to administrators, other University and Division units;
• Collaboration with Division Unit Heads, and with other University administrators and faculty;
• Representation of the department to outside agencies, individuals, communities, and groups in agriculture and industry;
• Pursuit of external funding to include competitive grants, research contracts, gifts, and other special funding to include endowments for scholarships, fellowships, and chairs and professorships;
• Assignment of responsibilities to faculty and staff, and the evaluation of their performance;
• Accomplishment of professional growth and development of faculty, staff, and students;
• Oversight of departmental activities in regional and national organizations and committees.

Position Qualifications

The qualifications of this position include:
• An earned doctorate in agricultural economics, economics, or a closely related discipline;
• A record of outstanding scholarly achievements and professional activities related to teaching, research, and/or extension that will qualify the individual for full professorship with tenure;
• Evidence of administrative ability to direct an academic department engaged in teaching, research, and extension activities at a major land-grant university;
• The ability to provide visionary and progressive leadership;
• The ability to effectively listen, communicate, and represent the department with administrators, agencies, and on-and-off-campus interests groups;
• The willingness and ability to make timely decisions;
• The ability to effectively manage human, financial, and physical resources;
• A knowledge of agricultural, economic, and social issues affecting producers, business managers, rural and urban communities, and consumers;
• The ability to foster professional development, assign responsibilities, and evaluate performance of faculty and staff; and
• A commitment in securing diversity in faculty, staff, and graduate and undergraduate student recruitment and retention.

Employment Conditions

The position is to be filled by January 1, 2007, or as soon thereafter as a suitable candidate is available. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications. The Search and Screening Committee encourages nominations and direct applications. Nominations should include the name, address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the nominee. Individuals applying should submit a professional resume and a letter of application that include qualifications, previous professional responsibilities, achievements, administrative philosophy, and describe how these relate to the department head position.

Nomination and Application Procedure

Applicants should provide the name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail address of five references the committee may contact for additional information. The references should be knowledgeable about the qualities that make the applicant well suited for the responsibilities described in this announcement. References will not be contacted without prior consent of the applicant. Formal review of applications will begin September 15, 2006, and continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Women and members of other under-represented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Nominations, applications, and questions should be addressed to:
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More information about the Department of Agricultural Economics is available on the web site http://www.agecon.okstate.edu/about_us.asp.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Applicants will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reasons such as race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, or status as a Vietnam-era veteran. Oklahoma State University and the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources are an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer committed to multiracial diversity.