



## FACULTY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Title:** Assistant/Associate Professor of Community Development & Food Systems  
**Job ID:** 422861  
**Location:** School of Environment and Natural Resources, College of Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University, Wooster, OH

**Description:** The School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR) is looking to fill a tenure track position, at the rank of assistant or associate professor. The position will be located at the Ohio State University Wooster campus. Expectation for effort will be 70% outreach and/or formal classroom teaching and 30% research. This position is partially funded by OSU's Discovery Themes Initiative ([discovery.osu.edu](http://discovery.osu.edu)), a significant faculty hiring investment in key thematic areas to build on Ohio State's culture of academic collaboration to make a global impact. The successful candidate will join a highly collaborative transdisciplinary team of over 50 existing faculty and many external partners working toward Resilient, Sustainable and Global Food Security for Health as part of the Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation (InFACT) Discovery Theme.

We seek a candidate using a systems approach to develop **a community-based applied research program focusing on community development processes and policies to achieve sustainable and healthy food systems**. Potential research areas of focus could include, but are not limited to local policy processes, business and economic development, nongovernmental organizational behavior, consumer behavior, local and regional production and distribution systems, and land-use planning.

Scholars who are able to work collaboratively with a larger team of social and natural scientists on these topics and able to address matters of justice and equity and/or environmental sustainability are encouraged to apply. Scholars experienced with either qualitative or quantitative approaches will be considered. Instructional experience with service learning techniques related to food, health or sustainability or other novel approaches that use the campus or community as an instructional laboratory is desired.

The successful candidate will be expected to actively support efforts of Ohio State University Extension. Depending on research interests, this position will have opportunities to work with county Extension Educators in any or all of four Extension program areas: community development, family and consumer science, 4-H youth development, and agriculture and natural resources. In addition, the person in this position will be encouraged to pursue applied research and outreach education opportunities in partnership with state and field extension specialists who work as part of OSU Extension's Local Food Signature Program and Direct Marketing and Farm To School teams, or whose work focuses on topics listed above.

The successful candidate will be fully integrated into the School of Environment and Natural Resources, which will serve as their Tenure Initiating Unit (TIU), with a joint appointment in the Department of Extension. They will be based at the Wooster campus of The Ohio State University, where there is a growing group of social and natural scientists working on

collaborative research and outreach related to the InFACT Discovery Theme as well as other researchers associated with the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) and the Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI).

**Qualifications:** Candidates should have a Ph.D. and expertise in a social science discipline that aligns with the School's existing graduate specializations in Rural Sociology or Environmental Social Sciences, including such disciplines as rural sociology, planning, policy, or community development. Evidence of productivity and excellence in research, outreach education and teaching or evidence of potential, is required. Preferred qualifications include experience integrating research, teaching and outreach programs; experience developing or working with interdisciplinary research teams; familiarity with land grant extension systems; experience in mentoring students, including students from diverse backgrounds and members of historically underrepresented groups, and experience with outreach and community programs, particularly with underserved populations. Application materials should include a statement addressing experience working with diverse and/or underserved populations and how they can help us achieve the goal of serving these populations more effectively.

**Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion:** The Ohio State University is committed to establishing a culturally and intellectually diverse environment that encourages 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/affirmative action employer. Qualified women, minorities, Vietnam-era veterans, disabled veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

**Salary/Support:** Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience. Appointment at the Associate Professor rank with tenure requires a portfolio of research, teaching and extension accomplishment consistent with SENR tenure and promotion standards. The Ohio State University offers one of the most comprehensive benefits packages in the nation, which includes medical, dental, vision, and life insurance; tuition authorization; paid vacation and sick leave; ten paid holidays; and State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) or an Alternative Retirement Program. A start-up package, including discretionary funding, will be provided.

**Application and Deadline:** Please send a 1) CV, 2) statements of research interests (two pages), 3) outreach/extension philosophy (two pages), and 4) a letter of interest summarizing your qualifications, areas of expertise, and career goals. The letter of interest should describe your alignment with our desired qualifications and a summary of experience with diversity in educational and community settings and/or mentoring students from diverse backgrounds. In addition, please provide contact information for three qualified references. Application materials should be sent in a single PDF file as an email attachment to [ENVfacultysearchCDFs@osu.edu](mailto:ENVfacultysearchCDFs@osu.edu). If you have questions, please contact Douglas Jackson-Smith ([jackson-smith.1@osu.edu](mailto:jackson-smith.1@osu.edu)) or Kristi Lekies ([lekies.1@osu.edu](mailto:lekies.1@osu.edu)). Initial consideration will be given to applications received by November 28, 2016. Review of applications will continue until the position has been filled. See the full position description at <https://www.jobsatosu.com/postings/74155> (job ID: 422861).