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Job Title	Associate/Full Professor and C. William Swank Chair in Rural-Urban Policy
Department	FAES Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics
Institution	Ohio State University Miamisburg, Ohio
Date Posted	Nov. 14, 2024
Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Professor Associate Professor
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Our aim is to recruit, support, and retain a distinguished scholar of economics to the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics (AEDE) to hold the C. William Swank Chair in Rural-Urban Policy. In keeping with the mission of that Chair, this person's research, teaching, and public service shall "focus on the economic and/or legal dimensions of the rural and urban interface, including issues relating to farming on the urban fringe, quality of life, externalities and environmental regulations, management, and the industrialization of agriculture."

This faculty member will lead the C. William Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy. They will work as a current or emerging national leader producing scholarly research on issues at the rural/urban interface. They will teach undergraduate students and teach and advise graduate students conducting research on issues relevant to the Program. They will engage in outreach in Ohio, connecting with groups such as agricultural leaders and urban-rural policy and decision makers. Finally, they will manage resources of the Program in part to leverage the expertise of others to accomplish goals, including: drawing on and supporting the expertise of others in AEDE; convening meetings, events, and applied scholarship that taps the expertise of other relevant authorities nationwide.

Performance Objectives

Conduct a distinguished independent research program in the economics of rural-urban issues, including presenting research results at national and international meetings, securing extramural funding, and producing high-impact publications. Develop an effective outreach program on issues at the rural-urban interface. Manage the C. William Swank Program in Rural-Urban Policy to support their own work and leverage the expertise of others to accomplish Program goals. Elevate graduate education in the department by advising graduate students and seeking out external funds to support them, individually or in collaboration with others on campus. Teach approximately 1-2 courses per year, both graduate and undergraduate. Demonstrate an ability to cultivate learning environments that are equitable and inclusive of students with diverse social identities and backgrounds, and commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion within AEDE and related groups. Work collaboratively with university faculty and staff, AEDE and/or OSU extension, government agencies, nongovernment organizations, and/or community groups to advance the land grant mission of the college and university. Serve the AEDE, university, and professional communities through committee work and other appropriate service responsibilities and activities.

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Education and Experience Requirements

Required:

- Earned Ph.D. in economics, agricultural and applied economics, public policy, or closely related degrees.
- Demonstrated excellence in research on the economics of issues related to the urban-rural interface.
- Demonstrated strength in teaching and graduate advising.
- The willingness and ability to conduct an effective individual outreach program.
- The willingness and ability to manage an endowed chair program effectively.
- The willingness and ability to work closely with diverse groups of academic (e.g., students, staff, faculty) and public audiences.

Desired:

- Demonstrated success in securing external funding.
- Demonstrated strength in public engagement and outreach.
- At least eight years of experience in a faculty position, government agency, or other position suitable for PhD economists OR a scholarly record of sufficient strength to warrant tenure.

How to Apply

To be considered, please submit your application electronically via <https://osujoblinks.com/cfqc>

Application materials must include:

- Cover letter: Describe your qualifications, areas of expertise, career goals, and alignment with desired qualifications and preferred qualifications where applicable Curriculum Vita (CV)
- Statement of Research (2 pages max) that describes the challenges the work seeks to address, the types of methods used, the nature of the portfolio of research outputs, the type of funding that supports the research, the impact the research has had, and plans for future research.
- Statement of Teaching and Mentoring (2 pages max) that addresses past teaching and future goals, including types and topics of courses, educational objectives, and strategies for effective teaching and mentoring.
- Statement of Outreach (2 pages max) that addresses interest and/or experience in

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- public/stakeholder engagement, skills and capabilities that support an outreach program.
- Names of three references

Initial consideration will be given to applications received by January 17th, 2025. Review of applications will continue until the position has been filled. We welcome informal inquiries, which can be made by contacting Search Committee Chair Allen Klaiber at Klaiber.16@OSU.edu.

The Department

The Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics (AEDE) is a national leader in applied economics with cutting-edge programs in agricultural economics and agribusiness; environmental and natural resource economics; sustainability; international and development economics; and urban, regional and community economics. We couple our top-three ranked research program with education and outreach in fulfillment of the university's Land Grant mission. In addition to our PhD program and our professional Master of Applied Economics, we offer two B.S. degree programs: Agribusiness and Applied Economics (AAE) and Environment and Natural Resources: Environment, Economy, Development, and Sustainability (EEDS). We are committed to enhancing an already excellent team of diverse faculty, students, and staff, and promoting positive and inclusive work environments for all individuals.

Additional information is available on the department's website, <https://aede.osu.edu/home>.

The College

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) anchors its mission in a simple, yet powerful phrase: We Sustain Life. Faculty, staff and students alike contribute to this mission in a variety of ways. Our Strategic Alignment outlines the colleges values: Land-Grant Scholarship; Lifespan Learning; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Integrity and Accountability; and Permeable Borders. These values, which align with the university's Shared Values, shape our goals of our Strategic Alignment. We are committed to scholarship across three mission areas (teaching, research, Extension) with a commitment to serving our state in addition to the country and world. As a land grant, we are part of a cooperative structure that includes key partners all dedicated to integrating research, education, and Extension to improve the food and agricultural sectors, the environment, and the quality of people's lives. We educate not just undergraduate and graduate students but learners across the lifespan. We work to ensure groundbreaking scientific discoveries are brought out of the laboratory and



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into the hands of those who can put them to work.

CFAES houses 11 departments/schools with over 20 undergraduate majors and 9 graduate programs, including 3 interdisciplinary programs affiliated with multiple Ohio State colleges. We also administer OSU Extension, which provides robust and relevant programming to Ohioans and beyond in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 4-H Youth Development, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Community Development. We are one college spanning three campuses: Columbus, CFAES Wooster, and Statewide. Our CFAES Wooster campus includes a large research station and Ohio State's only two-year academic unit, Ohio State ATI. The Statewide campus includes 11 research stations and Extension offices in all of Ohio's 88 counties. Our At a Glance provides additional information regarding our size, capacity, and impact as a college.

The University

Ohio State is a top-20 public university, and its Ohio State Wexner Medical Center is one of America's leading academic health centers and recently ranked No. 4 on Forbes' list of best U.S. employers for diversity. Eligible Ohio State employees receive comprehensive benefits packages, including medical, dental and vision insurance, tuition assistance for employees and their dependents, and state or alternative retirement options with competitive employer contributions.

The Ohio State University's Shared Values include Excellence and Impact, Diversity and Innovation, Inclusion and Equity, Care and Compassion, and Integrity and Respect. Our university community welcomes differences, encourages open-minded exploration and courageous thinking, and upholds freedom of expression. Ohio State is a dynamic community where opportunity thrives, and individuals transform themselves and their world. Positions are available in countless fields and specialties. Become a Buckeye and contribute to an incredible legacy that serves to guide our future and shape a better tomorrow. The Ohio State University is committed to enhancing academic excellence. Recruiting, supporting, and retaining faculty of the highest caliber is a core component of this commitment. The Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) has established Dual Careers and Faculty Relocation (DCFR) to focus on supporting new and prospective faculty and their loved ones. Service offerings include dual careers partner consultations, identifying potential employers and/or employment opportunities, consultation and resources related to relocation, as well as identifying opportunities to engage on campus and in the surrounding community. While employment opportunities are not guaranteed, resources and

consultation are provided to support the partners of new and prospective faculty as they are

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considering or transitioning to The Ohio State University.

In addition to being responsive to dual-career opportunities, we strongly promote work-life balance to support our community members through a suite of institutionalized policies. Ohio State is an NSF ADVANCE institution and a member of the Ohio/Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC). Located in Ohio's capital city, Ohio State's Columbus campus is near the center of a rapidly growing and diverse metropolitan area with a population of over 1.5 million. The area offers a wide range of affordable housing, many cultural and recreational opportunities, excellent schools, and a strong economy based on government as well as service, transportation, and technology industries. Additional information about the Columbus area is available [here](#).

In addition to its Columbus campus, Ohio State has four regional campuses including Ohio State Lima, Ohio State Mansfield, Ohio State Marion, and Ohio State Newark, in addition to CFAES Wooster Campus, which houses Ohio State ATI.

The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, pregnancy, protected veteran status, or any other basis under the law. Applicants are encouraged to complete and submit the Equal Employment Identification form.

Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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