



Professor and Head Horticulture and Landscape Architecture

Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
Oklahoma State University – Stillwater, Oklahoma

The Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (DASNR), Oklahoma State University, invites applications and nominations for the position of Professor and Head of the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture. This 12-month appointment is administratively responsible to the Vice President, Dean and Director.

The Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture has a reputation for excellence in teaching, research, and extension. Currently, the Department consists of 13 tenure-track faculty members, and four non-tenure track faculty. The Department's approximately 100 undergraduate students may select majors in Horticulture with options in four different areas (Horticultural Business, Horticultural Science, Public Horticulture, and Turfgrass Management), Landscape Management (accredited by PLANET), or Landscape Architecture (5-year program accredited by LAAB). The Department averages 15 graduate students and offers a M.S. degree in Horticulture, a M.Ag. degree in Horticulture, and a Ph.D in association with interdisciplinary programs within DASNR including Crop Science, Plant Science, Environmental Science, and Food Science. The Department supports research and extension programs focused on turfgrass, ornamentals, and food crops including: fruit, pecan, vegetables, post-harvest/processing of these crops; community and sustainable design; and urban landscape water quality and conservation. Outreach and service functions and facilities include The Botanic Garden at OSU, Oklahoma Gardening studio garden, the Turfgrass Research Center, various display and demonstration gardens, an education building, teaching and research greenhouses, and the *Oklahoma Gardening* TV show. Department faculty commonly use Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station (OAES) lands and facilities throughout the state including the Oklahoma Vegetable Research Station at Bixby, Cimarron Valley Research Station at Perkins and the Controlled Environmental Research Laboratories at Stillwater. They also have active programs in consumer horticulture, commercial horticulture, and 4-H and other youth related areas.

Responsibilities

This position provides departmental leadership and is expected to:

- Stimulate, integrate, provide oversight, and evaluate departmental teaching, research, extension, and international programs.
- Provide oversight administration of The Botanic Garden at OSU.
- Support OSU's diversity efforts to recruit and retain outstanding faculty, staff, and students.
- Effectively manage human, financial, and physical resources.

- Represent departmental and faculty interests to administrators and other University and Division units.
- Collaborate with Division Unit Heads and with other University administrators and faculty.
- Represent the department to outside agencies, individuals, communities, and groups in horticulture and landscape architecture and the green industry.
- Pursue external funding to include competitive grants, research contracts, gifts, and other special funding to include endowments for scholarships, fellowships, and chairs and professorships.
- Assign responsibilities to faculty and staff and evaluate their performance. Encourage professional growth and development of faculty, staff, and students.
- Provide oversight of departmental activities in state, regional, national, and international organizations and committees.
- Provide guidance to Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service (OCES) District and County horticulture programs and encourage interaction among faculty and OCES field staff.

Qualifications

Qualifications include:

- A doctoral degree in Horticultural Sciences, Landscape Architecture, or a closely related discipline.
- An outstanding record of scholarly achievements and professional activities related to teaching, research, and/or extension that will qualify for the rank of Professor with tenure.
- A thorough understanding of the land-grant mission.
- Evidence of administrative ability to direct an academic department and provide visionary and progressive leadership.
- Ability to effectively listen, communicate, and represent the department with administrators, agencies, and on-and off-campus interest groups.
- Ability to foster professional development, assign responsibilities, and evaluate performance of faculty and staff.

Employment Conditions

This position is to be filled by March 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter as successful candidate is available. This is a 12-month administrative appointment with tenure as a Professor within the department. Salary is commensurate with qualifications. Continuation of this position is subject to performance and need.

Nomination and Application Procedures

While applications and nominations will be accepted until a successful candidate has been identified, interested parties are encouraged to submit their information by January 12, 2015, to receive optimal consideration.

Nominations should include the name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the nominee.

Applicant materials should include: 1) a letter indicating interest, administrative philosophy and leadership style, and describe how these relate to this position; 2) a complete CV that includes: background, education, experience and; 3) a list of five (5) names, with e-mail address and telephone number. References will not be contacted without prior consent of the applicant.

Submit nominations and/or applications electronically to:

DASNRdepthhead_search@okstate.edu

Questions may be addressed to: Dr. Phil Mulder, Chair, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Department Head Search and Screening Committee, at 405-744-9413, or phil.mulder@okstate.edu

More information about the department is available on the website at: www.hortla.okstate.edu

More information about OSU & Stillwater can be accessed at:

www.okstate.edu

www.visitstillwater.org

www.stillwaterchamber.org

Oklahoma State University (OSU) 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 approximately 1,300 full-time faculty members and about 3,700 full-time staff. Total enrollment for all campuses exceeds 33,000 students with more than 23,000 in OSU Stillwater/Tulsa. Approximately, 230,000 bachelor's, master's, doctoral, professional, and associate degrees have been granted since the first six graduates in 1896. A total of 4,990 degrees were granted in the 2012-2013 academic year. OSU offers bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees in nearly 200 fields as well as a professional Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine and the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degrees. Specialist of Education degrees are offered in selected fields.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Oklahoma State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/E-verify employer committed to diversity and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or protected veteran status. OSU is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor and desires priority referrals of protected veterans for its openings. OSU-Stillwater is a tobacco-free campus.