



Director, Oklahoma Water Resources Center and Thomas E. Berry Professor in Water Research and Management

Overview

This is an 11-month, tenured faculty and administrative position with responsibility of providing vision and leadership for water related research, Extension, and education programs at Oklahoma State University (OSU). In addition to the primary role of leading the Oklahoma Water Resources Center, the Director will also provide leadership to multi-investigator, multi-disciplinary, and multi-institutional faculty teams assembled from across colleges and institutes at OSU in pursuit of water-related research and Extension grant opportunities. The Oklahoma Water Resources Center is located in the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University (DASNR); other water-related projects may be in partnership with units from any part of OSU. The Director will report jointly to the OSU Vice President for DASNR and the OSU Vice President for Research.

The Water Center is supported through funds provided by the United States Geological Survey, Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, the OSU Vice President for Research, and the Thomas E. Berry Professorship in Water Research and Management. The objectives of the Oklahoma Water Resources Center are to support research on all topics related to understanding and managing Oklahoma water resources; provide education and training opportunities for water specialists, professionals, and students; provide outreach to all citizens and information transfer in the Oklahoma water resource community; and facilitate team-building to provide solutions to water issues.

More than 75 faculty members from all academic departments in DASNR and several other colleges at Oklahoma State are affiliate members of the Center. Additionally, other research institutions of higher education partner with the Center through funded projects. This group provides expertise in plants, soils, and ecosystems; water conservation; land use and water quality; and economics and policy. More information may be found at <http://water.okstate.edu/>

Primary Responsibilities

The primary responsibilities for the Director will be:

- Organize and lead collaborative, multi-disciplinary faculty and extension educator teams
- Provide oversight for the USGS Water Resources Research Act (WRRRA)
- Assist in organizing the annual Governor's Water Conference and Research Symposium
- Participate in the National Institutes for Water Resources (NIWR) annual meetings in Washington, DC including visits to Capitol Hill
- Provide leadership for and promote the efforts of DASNR and OSU water programs
- Serve as a liaison with industry and other external clientele groups
- Work with DASNR and OSU administration to set priorities and goals for water programs
- Seek external funding for water research and extension programs
- Mentor new faculty working on water related issues
- Administer internal water-related grant programs
- Facilitate the development of educational programs for delivery by county extension educators

Qualifications

A PhD in an agricultural or natural resources field is required and the candidate should be eligible for tenure within one of the Departments of the Division of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor. The individual should have experience and knowledge of research and Extension on water resource issues in agriculture and natural resources. Evidence of

successful grantsmanship is required. Evidence of leadership and experience in building teams and fostering relationships is desired.

Applications/Nominations

While applications and nominations will be accepted until a successful candidate has been identified, interested parties are encouraged to submit their information by January 31, 2017 to receive optimal consideration.

Nominations should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the nominee. Submit nominations to DASNRAdmin_search@okstate.edu

Applicant materials should include a letter indicating interest, qualifications and experience, a curriculum vita, and a list of five names, with telephone number and e-mail address who may be contacted for additional information. Submit applications electronically to jobs.okstate.edu req2700.

Questions may be addressed to Dr. Ray Huhnke search committee chair, via email to raymond.huhnke@okstate.edu

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