

**Urban Extension Specialist / Associate or Full Professor**

The Ohio State University

Columbus, OH

**Department:**

FAES | OSUE Community Development

The Urban Extension Specialist in the Department of Extension is a senior-level faculty 12-month position with a 60% Extension appointment and 40% applied research and teaching. The position will be located on the Columbus campus (negotiable) of The Ohio State University, will address the OSU RAISE theme of Race, Economic Opportunity, and Leadership and will foster a dynamic hub of innovation linking the priorities of urban communities with university assets. The position will advance the university’s efforts to coordinate and facilitate community-engaged research and relevant programming to address equity in the areas of food, health and wellness, environment, economic and workforce development, community leadership, and other concerns facing Ohio’s urban communities.

As part of Extension’s Community Development team, this new faculty position will foster interdisciplinary and community-engaged solutions to address Ohio’s urban influence and urban-rural connections. They will collaborate with OSU colleagues, community and business leaders, elected officials, state and local development professionals, nonprofit and NGO leaders, and other influencers to ensure productive sharing of ideas and practices regarding equitable engagement for equitable opportunity across socioeconomic and geographic profiles.

The minimum qualification for this position is an earned Ph.D. in urban studies, urban affairs, urban policy, community development, city and regional planning, or discipline applicable to the duties and responsibilities outlined. Direct or indirect experience with University Extension preferred.

Candidates with demonstrated potential to exhibit leadership, applied research, and partnership in equitable community engagement, food equity, healthy equity, environmental equity, or related focus are encouraged to apply. Teaching or Extension-outreach experience, grant-writing skills, and managerial expertise are also desirable.

Through the Race, Inclusion and Social Equity (RAISE) initiative, Ohio State aims to further advance a world-class research program on race, inclusion, and social equity. Over the next decade, the university will add at least 50 tenure-track faculty members to existing scholars whose research can help to narrow social disparities in educational attainment, health outcomes, rates of incarceration, political representation, environmental impacts, and economic well-being. Adding scholars in focused areas will enhance the university’s outstanding faculty and inform solutions to intractable issues. RAISE is part of Ohio State’s larger initiative to expand the size and impact of Ohio State’s faculty over the coming decade, while also enhancing academic and personal resources to support Ohio State scholars, educators, and practitioners through all phases of their careers.

Ohio State University Extension is the community-based outreach unit of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences at Ohio State. Extension "empowers through education," and we're all about helping all Ohioans build better lives, better businesses and better communities.

OSU Extension delivers knowledge from Ohio State to every county in Ohio, and we work with people right where they live to strengthen their own lives and communities. Extension connects with people in all stages of life – from young children to older adults – from families and children to farmers and business owners, community leaders and elected officials.

**COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY**

The Ohio State University is committed to establishing a culturally and intellectually diverse environment; and encouraging 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.

Our college’s Principles of Community https://brand.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/campaigns/principles-community affirms our conviction that racism has no place in College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). We are an NSF Advance Institution and a member of the Ohio/Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Higher Education Recruitment Consortium.

**Initial application review deadline is October 15, with review of applications continuing until the position is filled.**

Complete applications include: 1) a cover letter describing interest in the position, 2) curriculum vitae with names, postal addresses, phone numbers, and emails for three professional references, 3) statement of research interests and goals (2-pg limit), 4) statement of Extension philosophy and goals (2-pg limit), and 5) a statement of demonstrated efforts in your research, teaching, and/or outreach and engagement that reflect Ohio State’s Shared Values Ohio State's Shared Values and that might further advance our mission and institutional excellence.

**Apply on-line via:** <https://osujoblinks.com/ww0k>

Ensure you have all necessary documents available when starting the application process. You can review the additional job description section on postings for documents that may be required. You will be presented with the opportunity to attach up to five (5) documents in the Application Documents section. If necessary, please consider combining documents into one file.

If you require any assistance with including the necessary documents in the application process, please reach out to HRConnection@osu.edu.

Resume parsing is not effective on documents which exceed one (1) page. As a result, it is not recommended to select Autofill with Resume when applying if using a resume or CV which exceeds one (1) page.

Prior to submitting your application, please review and update (if necessary) the information in your candidate profile as it will transfer to your application.

Inquiries about the position are welcomed and may be addressed to the Urban Extension Search Committee at fox.264@osu.edu

For further application instructions, please see: hr.osu.edu/wp-content/uploads/applicant-faq.pdf

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 bases under the law. Applicants are encouraged to complete and submit the Equal Employment Identification form.