



Assistant Professor Soil Science Teaching

**Department of Plant and Soil Sciences
Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
Oklahoma State University – Stillwater, Oklahoma**

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, Oklahoma State University is seeking applicants for an 11-month, tenure-track, 85% teaching and 15% extension position in soil science. The successful candidate is expected to develop a nationally recognized program in soil science instruction and extension. They will be responsible for teaching courses in fundamentals of soil science, with enrollment up to 125 students each semester, a course in soil and water conservation, and an upper division/graduate level course in their area of specialty that could be delivered as part of the AG*IDEA consortium. Additional courses could include student orientation/professional development and freshman research scholars. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue extramural funding to support scholarly activities related to their area of expertise. Other duties related to the position include student recruitment, mentoring and retention and advisement of student groups. The successful candidate will have extension responsibilities to include serving as Co-Coordinator of the Oklahoma Sustainable Agriculture Research and Extension (SARE) program. As SARE Co-Coordinator, the successful candidate will provide leadership and administrative guidance for the organization and facilitate sustainable agriculture extension activities and events statewide.

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum qualifications include a Ph.D. in Soil Science, Agronomy, Plant and Soil Sciences, Environmental Science, or closely related area. Post-secondary instructional experience and advisory experience with student groups is preferred. Candidates should have broad knowledge regarding all soil science disciplines and how they are connected to agronomic, crop science, environmental or natural resource issues. Experience in classroom or laboratory environments with an understanding of pedagogical theories is expected. A demonstrated commitment to effective teaching and learning, ability to mentor students and advise student organizations are essential.

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Assistant Professor

SALARY

Competitive and commensurate with education and experience.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 15, 2012, or until a suitable candidate is identified.

DATE POSITION AVAILABLE

July 1, 2012. Continuation of this position is subject to performance, need, and available funding.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates should submit a letter of application, official academic transcripts, and a complete resume that includes background, education and experience. Candidates should also arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to Dr. Don Murray, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, Oklahoma State University, 369 Ag Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078-6028, Phone: 405-744-6130 Fax: 405-744-0354.

Applicants will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reason such as race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Oklahoma State University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer committed to diversity. The OSU-Stillwater campus is tobacco-free.