OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics – Agricultural Policy

NATURE OF POSITION The position is an 11-month, tenure track, 50% research/50% extension appointment. Replacement of a portion of the research appointment with a teaching appointment may be negotiable for qualified candidates.

DUTIES Government policies continue to play an important role in the allocation of resources in the agricultural sector. Research and Extension programs are needed to develop and analyze federal, state, and local policy alternatives and determine the potential implications of these policies on farmers, agribusiness firms, local and regional economies, the environment, consumers and taxpayers.

The faculty member will be expected to develop a nationally recognized research and extension program in agricultural policy with a concentration on general farm commodity policy. Additional areas that could be pursued include food policy, energy policy (especially biofuels), rural economic development, trade, labor and immigration, transportation, livestock and waste management policy, land use and conservation policy. Programs may include:

- Conduct an extension and supporting research program to disseminate policy information to extension educators and the agricultural sector.
- Participate in multidisciplinary research and extension programs on policy issues related to plant and animal agriculture, including Division team initiatives.
- Educate local, state and federal farm and commodity groups on policy related issues and provide support to these groups in the preparation and analysis of policy alternatives.
- Support ongoing efforts to assist state and federal legislators in the deliberations and analysis of specific agricultural policy issues.
- Serve as research advisor to M.S. and Ph.D. Students.
- Cultivate external support from private and governmental sources.
- Publish in various outlets, including recognized peer-reviewed journals, extension journals and fact sheets, and related outlets for professional peers.

QUALIFICATIONS Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or Economics with an interest in working with farm and commodity groups, agribusiness groups and retailer groups, food consumer groups, and government. Effective communication skills, both written and oral, are essential. Previous extension, research and teaching experience are desirable.

SALARY Commensurate with qualifications.

APPLICATION For full consideration, applications should be received by February 15, 2008. However, the position will remain open until filled. Applicants are requested to submit a letter of application, resume, three references (name, address, and phone number) and transcript(s) of all university credits to:

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