Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Chair of the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (ACEL) at The Ohio State University.

**Responsibilities.** The Chair, who reports to the Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, administratively leads a comprehensive and diverse departmental program of research, teaching, extension, and international development. The Chair fosters effective, collegial, cooperative, and productive relationships among students, staff, and faculty within the department and with other departments and programs at the university; works with other department chairs and administrators to advance the vision and missions of the department in order to optimize resource needs of the department; and promotes the department and college with state, national, and international organizations. The Chair will have the opportunity to carry on instructional, research, and/or outreach activities, commensurate with her/his administrative responsibilities and interests.

**The Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership.** The department encompasses the program areas of: agricultural communication, agriscience education, community and extension education, and leadership, along with the OSU Leadership Center. The department offers Bachelor’s degree majors in agricultural communication, agriscience education, and community leadership; an M.S. program in Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership; an on-line Master’s degree; and M.S., M.Ed. and Ph.D. program in Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership. The department employs 14 faculty and 6 staff members. Current student enrollment includes approximately 60 graduate students and 270 undergraduate majors across all OSU campuses (194 on Columbus campus alone). Additional information, including the current strategic plan, is available at the department’s website, [http://acel.osu.edu](http://acel.osu.edu). The chair position will be based on the Columbus campus.

**Qualifications.** Candidates must: hold an earned doctorate in agricultural communication, agricultural education, Extension education, community leadership, agricultural leadership, or related field; have tenure-track faculty experience; be eligible for appointment as a tenured full professor; and exhibit the ability to administer and manage the fiscal and human resources in an academic department. We seek forward thinking candidates with demonstrated leadership qualities, experience developing undergraduate academic programs, and who exhibit an entrepreneurial approach. The applicant must have a demonstrated ability to provide leadership spanning disciplinary boundaries by developing and maintaining productive working relationships with other department chairs and school directors, alumni, university personnel, state and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other stakeholders of the Department. The successful candidate will have a distinguished record of research, teaching, and/or extension, as well as a demonstrated ability to successfully develop external financial support.
Application Procedure: Review of applications will begin November 18, 2019 and continue until a qualified candidate is identified. Nominations of qualified individuals are invited at any time. Qualified persons are requested to submit the following: 1) a letter of application; 2) a statement of the applicant’s vision and administrative philosophy; leadership experiences and qualifications; 3) a complete curriculum vitae 4) names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, of four references and 5) a statement of philosophy and approach to building a diverse, inclusive and welcoming environment for faculty, staff and students. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential. Submit application materials in one pdf.

Application materials should be sent electronically (PDF format) or by mail to:  

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