



# THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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## POST DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

### **Stakeholder Engagement & Participatory Research Methods** Farm and Food Systems

**DESCRIPTION:** Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith, Professor in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at the Ohio State University is seeking a postdoctoral researcher to play a lead role in developing, implementing, and evaluating stakeholder engagement and participatory research projects with diverse farm and food system stakeholders. Position is open to scholars with experience and interests in stakeholder engagement, on-farm research, and/or participatory modeling. This person will be expected to design, implement, and evaluate a series of stakeholder engagement and participatory research/modeling activities in connection with several transdisciplinary projects, including one major NSF-funded INFEWS grant supporting participatory processes to build scenarios and models to explore the implications of deglobalization on food/energy/water systems in the eastern Corn Belt. The position will be in the School of Environment and Natural Resources, and work will be based at Ohio State University's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, OH. Successful candidates will be expected to conduct fieldwork, travel to meet with collaborators, participate and help organize participatory research workshops; communicate research results to scientific community via journal article publications, conference presentations and seminars; and advise and interact with graduate and undergraduate students.

#### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES:**

- 50% Design and implement stakeholder engagement and participatory research efforts.
- 20% Construct, document and analyze multi-method datasets to document impacts of stakeholder engagement and participatory approaches.
- 20% Communicate research results to scientific community via journal article publications, conference presentations, seminars, and webinars
- 10% Advise and interact with graduate and undergraduate students in their data collection and analysis/writing work.

**REQUIRED EXPERIENCE:** This position requires a Ph.D. in relevant social science discipline or related interdisciplinary program, cultural sensitivity and ability to work effectively with diverse farm and food system actors, experience with stakeholder engagement and/or participatory research projects, excellent quantitative and/or qualitative social science research skills, a record of research productivity and excellence, and experience with inter- and/or trans-disciplinary research projects. Successful completion of a criminal background check is required.

**COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION:** 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. We are an NSF Advance Institution and a member of the Ohio/Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Higher Education Recruitment Consortium. The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Qualified women, minorities, Vietnam-era veterans, disabled veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Salary/Support: Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience. The Ohio State University offers one of the most comprehensive benefits packages in the nation, which includes medical, dental, vision, and life insurance; tuition authorization; paid vacation and sick leave; ten paid holidays; and State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) or an Alternative Retirement Program.

**APPLICATION:** Send a curriculum vita and a letter of interest summarizing your qualifications, areas of expertise, research interests, and career goals. Please include a statement addressing how you match our required and/or preferred qualifications. Also include in the application packet digital copies of or links to three relevant publications. Provide contact information for three qualified references. Initial appointment is for 1 year, but funding exists to renew for up to 2 more years (based on performance). Application materials (with the exception of letters of recommendation, which will be requested later) should be sent in a single PDF file as an email attachment to Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith at [jackson-smith.1@osu.edu](mailto:jackson-smith.1@osu.edu).

Initial consideration will be given to applications received by August 30, 2019. Preferred start date is October 15, 2019, but can be negotiated based on the availability of the successful applicant. Review of applications will continue until the position has been filled.