



Human Development and Family Science

COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCES

GEORGE KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION ENDOWED CHAIR IN FAMILY AND COMMUNITY POLICY

The **Department of Human Development and Family Science (HDFS)** at **Oklahoma State University** invites applications for an **Associate Professor or Professor** in family and community policy. This position supports the HDFS department mission of conducting applied interdisciplinary scholarship focused on reducing risk and promoting resilience within individuals and families across cultures and generations. This is one of three chairs that has been endowed by the George Kaiser Family Foundation including one in Child Development and another in Child and Family Resilience.

Position Responsibilities

- Conduct research on issues to determine needs of families and communities, particularly those at risk;
- Use translational research in the development, application, and evaluation of Cooperative Extension programs that promote health, wealth, and wellbeing among Oklahoma families and communities;
- Garner external funding to support focused research program;
- Teach courses on topics related to family and community policy;
- Mentor and advise HDFS graduate students;
- Build and engage in relationships with community partners and policy makers surrounding issues relevant to the scholar's research program and other areas of science related to family and community policy; and
- Service to the department, the Cooperative Extension Service, the college, the university, and the profession is expected.

Required Qualifications

1. Earned doctorate in human development and family science, public policy, family economics, sociology, human geography, or related field;
2. A strong record of grant funding and scholarly publication, with a particular focus on the impact of public policy on family and community outcomes;
3. Evidence of successful collaborations with community partners, including policy makers, as shown by a record of instruction, extension/engagement, or research aligned with the needs of families and communities;
4. A history of outstanding teaching and student mentorship;
5. Strong communication and leadership skills, as evidenced by the ability to engage others in accomplishing policy objectives; and
6. Evidence of qualifications sufficient for associate professor or professor.

Appointment

August 2016. This position is a nine (9) month, full-time position on the OSU-Tulsa campus; the position will have a partial appointment with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service.

Compensation

Along with a competitive employee benefit package, the salary is commensurate with candidate qualifications and experience. The endowed-chair appointment provides additional financial support (e.g., salary stipend, support for research activities). For more benefit information, see: <http://hr.okstate.edu/benefits>

Position Contacts

For further information or to nominate a potential candidate, please contact the Search and Screen Committee Co-Chairs: Laura Hubbs-Tait, PhD (laura.hubbs@okstate.edu) and Christine Johnson, PhD (christine.johnson@okstate.edu)

Application Procedures

- Go to <https://jobs.okstate.edu/> and select **OSU Career Site and online application system**
- In the Keyword or ReqID field, type in the requisition number of “**req1490**”
- Follow the online instructions, specifying “see vitae” where applicable
- When prompted, be ready to submit the following items:
 - Letter of interest and qualifications for the position
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Contact information for five (5) references

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Oklahoma State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/E-verify employer committed to diversity and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment and will not be discriminated against based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or protected veteran status. OSU is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor and desires priority referrals of protected veterans for its openings. OSU-Stillwater is a tobacco-free campus.

Department Overview

HDFS is one of the largest departments in the university with 34 full-time faculty members, 521 undergraduate majors, and 72 graduate students across both the Tulsa and Stillwater campuses. Undergraduate specializations are offered in child and family services (CHFS), early childhood education (ECE), and family consumer sciences education (FACS). Graduate specializations are offered in child and family services (CHFS), developmental and family science (DVFS), early childhood education (ECE), gerontology (GERO), and marriage and family therapy (MFT). Recent graduates with terminal degrees (B.S. with ECE option, M.S. with MFT and CHFS options, and Ph.D.) have experienced near-100% success in finding relevant employment and in passing licensing exams. The department has formed several outstanding centers including:

- Child Development Laboratory
- Center for Family Resilience
- Center for Family Services
- Institute for Building Early Relationships

The department is home to four additional endowed faculty professorships or chairs. Consistent with the land-grant emphasis on scholarship dissemination, members of the faculty work with community partners in regional agencies and with Cooperative Extension educators in all 77 counties in Oklahoma.

For more information about the department, its faculty, centers and programs, please go to:
<http://humansciences.okstate.edu/hdfs/>.

College Overview

The College of Human Sciences is home to three departments – Human Development and Family Science; Design, Housing, and Merchandising; Nutritional Sciences – and the school of Hotel and Restaurant Administration. There are 93 faculty members, 1583 undergraduate students, and 221 graduate students in the college. As a partner with the OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the college has access to Agricultural Experiment Station funding, and our faculty collaborate with and train the Cooperative Extension Service - Family and Consumer Sciences educators in Oklahoma's 77 counties. To learn more about the College of Human Sciences visit:
<http://humansciences.okstate.edu/>.

OSU-Tulsa Overview

OSU-Tulsa offers students the chance to pursue their chosen profession at an internationally respected institution in Tulsa. With more than 80 undergraduate and graduate degree options available, OSU students on the Tulsa campus earn the same recognized OSU degrees that students in Stillwater receive. The OSU-Tulsa campus is part of a dynamic and vibrant metropolitan area of about one million people. The [HDFS Center for Family Resilience](#), on the OSU-Tulsa campus, translates scientific knowledge about families and family life into strategies that build individual and family resilience. There are many opportunities for partnering with community agencies and other institutions (e.g., schools, government, non-profit service providers) in Tulsa to investigate and influence family and community policy. The OSU Center for Health Sciences is also housed in Tulsa and provides opportunities to partner with faculty and clinicians serving the Tulsa community.

University Overview

OSU is a comprehensive land-grant institution with a focus on excellence in instruction, research and outreach. The University has campuses in Stillwater (main campus), Tulsa and three additional locations with system-wide enrollment of approximately 35,000. Stillwater, a city of 49,000 residents, is located approximately 60 miles from both Oklahoma City and Tulsa. A variety of cultural and sporting events and activities are offered through the University and city organizations. OSU has been rated the healthiest campus in America. For more information about our university, the Brightest Orange in America, please visit: <http://go.okstate.edu/>. For more information on Stillwater, please visit:
<http://www.stillwaterchamber.org/page/home-boxes/living-in-stillwater/quality-of-life>.