Title: Assistant Professor of Sustainability and Policy

Job ID: 419216

Location: School of Environment and Natural Resources, College of Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Position Description: The School of Environment and Natural Resources at The Ohio State University is seeking an Assistant Professor whose scholarly interests focus on sustainability policy and governance. The ideal candidate is expected to have or to generate an internationally recognized research program in policy and/or governance for sustainability in regional, national or global contexts. Potential areas of focus include, but are not limited to: climate change mitigation and adaptation; water systems; sustainable production and consumption; technology or governance innovations; social-ecological resilience; and the evolution of governance for sustainability and resilience. The successful candidate will provide graduate advising and instruction, contribute to undergraduate advising and instruction; and provide professional and university service. This position is a full-time, 9-month, tenure-track position.

The School of Environment and Natural Resources is an interdisciplinary academic unit dedicated to the use and management of natural resources in an economically efficient, environmentally compatible, and socially responsible manner. Faculty in SENR within the Environmental Social Sciences graduate specialization investigate environmental problems from such perspectives as psychology, political science, public policy, and sociology, and work collaboratively on cross-cutting research initiatives through the Environmental and Social Sustainability Lab. Our faculty publish broadly in both disciplinary journals and diverse, environmentally focused outlets, and are rewarded for working on interdisciplinary teams in applied contexts. Additionally, our faculty can hold courtesy appointments in complementary units on campus (e.g., John Glenn College of Public Affairs, Department of Political Science). Depending on the candidate’s areas of expertise, a joint appointment between the School of Environment and Natural Resources and a relevant disciplinary unit on campus may be possible.

This position is partially funded by Ohio State’s Discovery Themes Initiative, a significant faculty hiring investment in key thematic areas through which the university can build on its culture of academic collaboration to make a global impact. The successful candidate will join a highly collaborative interdisciplinary community of scholars in the Sustainable and Resilient Economy (SRE) program including faculty from Public Policy, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Business, and Engineering. The SRE program seeks to advance sustainability science by developing a more holistic understanding of sustainable and resilient production and consumption systems, human-environment interactions, and innovations in sustainable technologies and governance. Successful applicants will be expected to participate in or lead collaborative teams and
interdisciplinary research on sustainability and resilience topics.

**Qualifications:** Candidates should have an earned doctoral degree in political science, public affairs, public policy, or an interdisciplinary environmental or natural resources-related program with a focus in these areas. The ideal candidate will have teaching and advising experience at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, a strong research and publication record consistent with the candidate’s academic rank, evidence of potential for securing extramural research funding, and a demonstrated ability to work in interdisciplinary teams involving both social and natural scientists. Experience with research, teaching or mentoring programs focused on members of underrepresented groups is preferred.

**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. A start-up package, including discretionary funding, will be provided.

**Application:** Please send a curriculum vita, separate statements of research interests and teaching philosophy (two pages each), and a letter of interest summarizing your qualifications, areas of expertise and career goals. Within this letter, please be specific about how you match our required and/or preferred qualifications and how you can help SENR and the SRE Discovery Theme achieve our goals. Please provide contact information for three qualified references but do not have letters of recommendation sent until we request that you do so. Application materials should be sent in a single PDF file as an email attachment to ENRPolicy@osu.edu. If you have questions about the position, please contact Jeremy Brooks (brooks.719@osu.edu) or Eric Toman (toman.10@osu.edu).

Initial consideration will be given to applications received by September 12, 2016. Review of applications will continue until the position has been filled.

The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, national origin, disability status, or protected veteran status.