EXCITING JOB OPPORTUNITY!

Project Manager

FROM THE GROUND UP: Using on-farm research and collaboration to accelerate adoption of climate smart agricultural practices in the Midwest

Description:
The Ohio State University seeks a full-time project manager to implement and manage a farmer-led research and engagement project designed to improve the agronomic and economic performance and boost the adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices in Ohio. The position is based on the Ohio State CFAES Wooster Campus. This 100% FTE position is 100% grant funded for up to 5 years.

Background:
The position is with a recently funded USDA Sustainable Agricultural Systems (SAS) grant awarded to Ohio State in partnership with Central State University, the University of Missouri, and Lincoln University. The overall project seeks to implement collaborative research and engagement activities with farmers, farm advisors, agency staff, and agribusiness firms to improve the agronomic and economic performance of climate-smart agricultural practices (CSAPs) designed to increase carbon sequestration, improve water quality, and address other environmental goals. These include the use of multi-species cover crops, extended and diversified crop rotations, utilization of manure to reduce fertilizer inputs, and better integration of livestock and crop production systems.

The Project Manager will provide key logistical support to the Project Director (Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith) to design and implement this multifaceted project. They will be responsible for organizing project workgroup and advisory group meetings, tracking grant spending, coordinating grant agency reporting, assisting with project communications, and participating in leadership team meetings. The ideal candidate will have experience with large complex research project management, familiarity with agriculture and environmental issues, and comfort and experience engaging with diverse farmers, academics, and stakeholders.

The project is directed by Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith, a rural sociologist and Kellogg Chair and Director of the Agroecosystem Management Program in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at Ohio State. The office will be located on the OSU-CFAES, Wooster campus – an interdisciplinary research station 90 minutes northeast of Columbus in the heart of a vibrant rural and agricultural landscape.
**Education/Experience:**

Required:
- 2+ years' experience in management of large, complex, multi-unit research and/or extension programs
- Experience with fiscal management and tracking systems
- Experience with grant administration
- Experience in working with and managing relationships with stakeholder advisory boards
- Strong communication and organization skills
- Excellent computer (MS Office suite) and database management skills
- Self-directed, can work alone or in team environment
- Bachelor's Degree

Desired:
- Masters or PhD degree in relevant agricultural, environmental, or social science

**Application Procedure:**

To submit an application – please provide a cover letter explaining relevant background, experience and qualifications, a current resume or curriculum vitae, and names/contact information for three references. Initial screening of applications will occur on July 1, 2024.

Internal OSU employees can apply at this link:
https://www.myworkday.com/osu/d/inst/15$392530/9925$239069.htmlld

External applicants should apply here:
https://osu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/OSUCareers/job/Wooster-Campus/Project-Manager_R106750

Be sure to reference position #R106750 in any correspondence.

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