



**The Ohio State University  
College of Education and Human Ecology  
Department of Human Sciences  
Faculty Position in Consumer Policy**

**POSITION:** Assistant or Associate Professor (12-month) tenure-track position in the Department of Human Sciences (51%) and State Specialist with Ohio State University Extension (49%).

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must demonstrate an active research and outreach program with strong potential for external funding and have a research track record related to role of public policy in influencing family finances, credit, savings and investment choices of consumers. We invite applications from across fields: public policy, consumer research, consumer sciences, applied economics, agricultural and development economics, social psychology, family studies, sociology, social work, marketing, and finance. Evidence of successful experience in working effectively with university students and community partners/Extension colleagues is preferred. An earned doctorate is required.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The successful candidate is expected to conduct applied research assessing consumer decision-making in the financial marketplace, work collaboratively with Extension faculty/staff on applied research and sharing research results with OSU Extension faculty and staff across Ohio through collaborative team work, professional development training and program development; publish in high-impact journals; secure external research funding; teach two courses per year in our graduate or undergraduate programs; advise master's and Ph.D. students; engage in curriculum development; and provide service to the department, college, and the university community appropriate for rank.

Our goal for this hire is to stimulate cross-disciplinary collaboration and improve our capacity for applied, impact-heavy research and community engagement in the emerging area of consumer financial decision-making. This research is expected to inform our understanding of how consumers, especially those in Ohio, can be helped to

make better decisions through innovations in public policy, business, and consumer education.

**Salary:** Salary is negotiable and commensurate with qualifications.

**REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:** Review will begin as applications arrive and continue until position is filled. Applications received before December 1, 2013, will receive priority.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Autumn Semester 2014 (negotiable).

The appointed individual is expected to seek meaningful interactions with other planned hires who will focus on family decision-making and food security. It is envisioned that the faculty team will create an integrated and dynamic research, teaching and Extension program that will have substantial impact in the discipline and the state of Ohio.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SCIENCES:** The department is a cross-disciplinary group of about forty, highly active faculty members who study life decisions from the perspective of the individual and the family. We are organized in four units: consumer sciences (home unit of the open position), human development and family science, human nutrition, and kinesiology. Research strengths of the consumer sciences unit include consumer decision-making, the study of consumer experiences in the market place, and policy analysis. We are well integrated with the behavioral decision making network and the centers for innovation at OSU. The faculty and their current projects are described at the website: <http://ehe.osu.edu/human-sciences/>

The Department of Human Sciences offers undergraduate majors, master's and Ph.D. degrees, which are among the most popular programs on campus.

**OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION:** As a land-grant institution, Ohio State is committed to extending its resources to the residents of Ohio (see: [extension.osu.edu](http://extension.osu.edu)). The here announced position is expected to specifically address public policy related to concerns of consumer welfare in Ohio through applied research and OSU Extension-based community outreach. Related extension projects are summarized here: <http://fcs.osu.edu>

**THE COLLEGE:** The College of Education and Human Ecology enrolls approximately 3,700 undergraduate and 1,500 graduate students and offers B.S., M.A., M.S., M.Ed. and Ph.D. degree programs. For more information, please visit <http://ehe.osu.edu>

**THE UNIVERSITY:** The Ohio State University, placed among the top 20 public

universities in the country, is a land-grant institution with 56,064 students on its main campus in Columbus, Ohio. The university offers a comprehensive curriculum and takes pride in its diversity in programs, people, and facilities. It is located in Ohio's capital city, with a metropolitan population of over 1.5 million residents, offering a wide range of professional and cultural activities.

**APPLICATION:** The Ohio State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. We encourage minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities to apply. Applicants should send a letter of application with names of three references, CV, and up to three representative publications to: Consumer Policy Search Committee c/o, Mark Wallace, 305 West 17th Avenue, A135 PAES Building, Columbus, OH 43210. Hard copy applications are required.

Inquiries and questions are should be directed to Mark Wallace at wallace.269@osu.edu.

***To build a diverse workforce, Ohio State encourages applications from minorities, veterans, women, and individuals with disabilities. EEO/AA employer. Employment requires successful completion of a background check.***