



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: Agriculture Science Faculty

Position: 300080

Position Status: Full-Time

Reports To: Department Chair of Business and Services Occupations

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under the supervision of the department chair, the faculty member will:

1. Teach courses in the agricultural sciences. These courses may include Animal Science, Soil and Crop Science, and/or Agricultural Business.
2. Assist with planning and curriculum development.
3. Coordinate labs, practicums, and experiential learning opportunities.
4. Advise and mentor students in the ag program as required.
5. Maintain relationships with articulation partners. Review and update pathways as needed.
6. Assist with ag recruitment and marketing efforts through activities like FFA events, Ag Day, Discovery Day, the Ag Gala, and Career Fairs.
7. Ensure local school districts are informed about educational opportunities, career possibilities, and instructional programs available to youth in agriculture.
8. Participate in faculty meetings and committees.
9. Demonstrate competent leadership abilities; maintain positive interpersonal relationships with faculty, staff, and students.
10. Perform additional responsibilities as assigned, to include departmental outreach and service, consistent with the college's mission.
11. Other duties as assigned.

See Human Resources for a complete job description.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in an agriculture-related discipline
- Hold or be eligible for a Career and Technical Education Credential

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Master's degree in Agricultural Science or a related discipline.
- Experience teaching courses in Soil and Crop Science, Animal Science, and/or Agriculture Business.
- Demonstrate instructional quality (e.g., coursework or training in teaching methods or assessment of student learning).
- Evidence of flexibility in teaching methods to accommodate various learning styles.

- Prior teaching experience in secondary agricultural education.
- Willingness to teach a varied schedule including evenings, weekends, and summer.
- Have effective interpersonal skills, including the ability to collaborate successfully with the regional agricultural community faculty, students, and administration.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Strong computer skills.
- Ability to work cooperatively and effectively with diverse populations including experience working with adult and non-traditional learners.
- Educational philosophy in alignment with that of a small rural, comprehensive Community College and enthusiasm for this type of environment and the aspirations of its people.

SALARY:

\$44,500 - \$47,500

Excellent benefit package including PERA retirement, health, vision, dental, life insurance, and sick leave.

[Benefit Information](#)

166 Day Contract – renewable 9-month academic year position

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

For consideration, an applicant file must contain:

1. Cover letter that addresses the minimum and preferred qualifications
2. Resume
3. Copies of transcripts (A.A., B.A., and M.A.) (Office transcripts requested upon hire) - As part of our commitment to a fair hiring process, we invite you to redact any information from your transcripts that may be confidential/protected under law, including your age, date of birth, or dates of attendance/graduation.
4. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of 3 professional references

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Open Until Filled – 1st review of applications July 22, 2024

POSITION START DATE:

August 13, 2024

Submit Application Packet To:

Otero College
Attn: Kelsey Barbee
Director of Human Resources
1802 Colorado Ave
La Junta, CO 81050
FAX: (719) 384-6947

Or Email To: kelsey.barbee@otero.edu

Inquiries May Be Directed To:

Kelsey Barbee
(719) 384-6824

Applicants must submit to and pass a background check before an offer of employment can be extended.

*****Please Note: Otero College is not able to provide sponsorship for applicants who do not currently have the legal right to work in the United States or require transfer of a Visa.*****

*****Must be a resident of the State of Colorado or able to relocate to Colorado prior to the first date of employment. *****

Notice of Non-Discrimination

Otero College prohibits all forms of discrimination and harassment including those that violate federal and state law or the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education Board Policy 3-120. The College does not discriminate on the basis of sex/gender, race, color, age, creed, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, veteran status or military status, pregnancy status, religion, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or any other protected category under applicable local, state, or federal law (also known as "civil rights laws") including protection against retaliation and for those opposing discrimination or participating in any grievance process on campus or within the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or other human rights agencies, in its employment practices or educational programs and activities. Otero recognizes that the quality of instruction and educational opportunities for all are enhanced when the diversity of the community served is represented in the student population and workforce. Otero also recognizes that women, minorities, veterans and individuals with disabilities have been historically underutilized in the higher education workforce.

The College has designated Kelsey Barbee, Director of Human Resources, as its AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (AA), OFFICER, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY (EO), AND TITLE IX COORDINATOR with the responsibility to coordinate its civil rights compliance activities and grievance procedures. If you have any questions, please contact Kelsey Barbee, Director of Human Resources at 719-384-6824, kelsey.barbee@otero.edu, or 1802 Colorado Ave. McDivitt Hall RM# 140, La Junta, CO 81050.

You may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Region VIII, Federal Office Building, 1244 North Speer Boulevard, Suite 310, Denver, CO 80204, telephone (303) 844-3417.

The Federal Clery Act (The Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990) requires all institutions of higher learning to make available to prospective employees the agency's Annual Security Report/Campus Crime Statistics. A paper copy of this report can be obtained at the Student Services Center upon request or at: <http://www.ojc.edu/content/marketing/catalog.pdf>. This report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning crimes that occurred on campus or on property controlled or owned by Otero College, as well as public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, our campus.

Former employees of the Colorado Community College System or one of its 13 colleges, who were disciplinarily terminated or resigned in lieu of termination, must disclose this information in your application packet

Qualified protected class individuals are encouraged to apply

Otero College must comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. If hired you will be required to provide documents to show your identity and authorization to work. In addition, Colorado fiscal rules require direct deposit for all new employees.

ABOUT OTERO COLLEGE:

Founded in 1941, Otero College is an accredited Hispanic Serving Institution and is a state two-year community college with approximately 1500 students (1250 FTE) made up of traditional, non-traditional and international students. The college is governed by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. Otero is located on an attractive 40-acre campus on the southern edge of La Junta, Colorado. The college is a full-service campus with dormitory housing, food service, men's and women's varsity intercollegiate athletics, and state-of-the-art educational technology. The city of La Junta has a population of approximately 8,000 and is located on Highway 50, sixty miles east of Pueblo. The college serves the residents of Otero, Bent, and Crowley counties. This rural geographic area in southeast Colorado is primarily agriculture based and has a population of approximately 33,000 people. Students at Otero can earn degrees in Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science, Associate of General Studies or an Associate Degree in Nursing. Students who wish to pursue vocational occupations will find over a dozen one- and two-year certificate programs available. Career and Technical Education certificate programs at Otero include:

- Advanced Ag/Business Management
- ABM Financial Analysis
- Ag/Business Marketing and Risk Management
- ABM Records and Business Planning
- Rural Business Entrepreneurship
- Cosmetology
- Hair Stylist
- Nail Technician
- Esthetician
- Crop Production
- Intro to Horticulture
- Horticulture
- Emergency Medical Technician
- EMT Intermediate
- Community Health Worker
- Law Enforcement Training Academy
- Livestock Production
- Agriculture Production Management
- Artificial Insemination
- Nurse Aide
- Practical Nursing
- Phlebotomy
- Oxyacetylene
- Welding Fundamentals I
- Welding Fundamentals II
- Welding Production
- Advanced Welding Pipe
- Advanced Welding Railroad

To learn more about Otero College, visit the college's website at www.otero.edu.

OTERO MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide quality higher education that is accessible, transforms lives, expands employment opportunities, enriches our communities, promotes individual and global cultural diversity, and fosters economic development.