THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA has a richly diverse and innovative research and education portfolio in water as well as related fields such as energy, economics, and law/policy. Leveraging its longstanding strengths in climate variability and extreme weather at the world-renowned National Weather Center (nwc.ou.edu), the University is further developing its portfolio around environmental sustainability and coupled human-natural systems, as well as risk-based decision making. As a next step, the University announces an exciting strategic hiring initiative for a tenured mid-career faculty position that will catalyze new and significant opportunities and serve to facilitate interdisciplinary initiatives across the institution.

The successful candidate must have a track record of pioneering research, be able to articulate a vision for advancing water research in local and global contexts, and show evidence of an ability to lead multidisciplinary teams. In keeping with OU’s commitment to multidisciplinary research, the appropriate academic home(s) and the possibility of joint appointments will be considered and will be consistent with the candidates’ discipline and strengths.

The successful candidate will work closely with the OU WaTER Center (WaTER.ou.edu), the OU Water Survey (oklahomawatersurvey.org/), the Center for Restoration of Ecosystems and Watersheds (crew.ou.edu), the Hydrology and Remote Sensing Laboratory (hydro.ou.edu) and the newly-founded Corix Water and Sustainability Institute as well as other water related activities on campus.

An earned Ph.D. in hydrology, water resource development, civil or environmental engineering, atmospheric science, geography, environmental science, business/economics, or a closely-related field is required. The successful candidate must have an exemplary record of funding, peer-reviewed publications in premier journals, and multidisciplinary research; applications in developing countries with either a rural or urban focus will be looked upon favorably. Applicants should send a single pdf file containing a curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests, and the contact information of three references to: Water Search Chair; CEES@ou.edu. Initial screening of applications will begin immediately; applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Women, minorities, disabled persons, and candidates from other underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. The University of Oklahoma is an EEO/AA employer. Protected veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

The University of Oklahoma (OU) is a Carnegie-R1 comprehensive public research university known for excellence in teaching, research, and community engagement. OU’s three campuses (Norman, Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City and the Schusterman Center in Tulsa) enrolls over 30,000 students and has more than 2700 full-time faculty members in 21 colleges. In 2014, OU became the first public institution ever to rank #1 nationally in the recruitment of National Merit Scholars, with 311 scholars. The 277-acre Research Campus in Norman was named the No.1 research campus in the nation by the Association of Research Parks in 2013. Norman is a culturally rich and vibrant town located just outside Oklahoma City. With outstanding schools, amenities, and a low cost of living, Norman is a perennial contender on “best place to live” rankings.