

**DIRECTOR, OKLAHOMA CLIMATOLOGICAL SURVEY,  
STATE CLIMATOLOGIST FOR OKLAHOMA,  
and  
FACULTY MEMBER  
at the  
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA**

The University of Oklahoma invites nominations and applications for appointment as Director, Oklahoma Climatological Survey, a state agency located within the University. The Director normally serves as the State Climatologist for Oklahoma. This position includes appointment to a 1.0 FTE tenured faculty position in an academic unit in the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences, with an appropriate distribution of effort between administrative and academic duties.

The Survey is a service and research organization that is internationally recognized for innovative state-of-the-art observation, service, and public outreach programs. The Survey is co-located in the National Weather Center along with the School of Meteorology, a wide range of University weather research programs, and NOAA research organizations and operational facilities. Several private sector weather companies are housed nearby. The Survey plays a leading role in a dynamic weather community and economic cluster where education and research are linked directly with practical applications of climate data. The Survey operates the Oklahoma Mesonet, a widely recognized statewide monitoring network that is a partnership effort of the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. The Survey has close ties to other state agencies, such as the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the Department of Public Safety, and the Office of Emergency Management. Additional information may be obtained from the following web pages: The University of Oklahoma – <http://www.ou.edu>; College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences – <http://ags.ou.edu>; National Weather Center – <http://nwc.ou.edu>; the Oklahoma Climatological Survey – <http://climate.ok.gov>; and the Oklahoma Mesonet – <http://www.mesonet.org>.

The Survey seeks a Director with fresh ideas and a bold vision for the future of climatological service and research, one who will strengthen and enhance the Survey's leadership position in surface observations, anticipate and react positively to the on-going rapid economic and demographic changes in the State, engage with all stakeholders to forge and bring to reality a shared vision for the future based on the Survey's enabling legislation and other governing agreements, and work effectively to augment the Survey's funding base from industry, government sources, and non-profit organizations.

Specific qualifications for the Director include:

- Leadership and administrative skills commensurate with the position;
- Ability to work effectively with the Oklahoma State Legislature and a range of state and federal agencies;

- Ability to communicate effectively with a variety of constituencies and stakeholders at OU, at Oklahoma State University, and across the state, including emergency managers, tribal governments, city and county governments, the private sector, and the media;
- Ability to work with the Oklahoma Mesonet Steering Committee to maintain and enhance this premier surface observing network;
- A doctoral degree in a relevant discipline. The area of expertise in scholarship, mentoring, and teaching is open and could include, for example, climatology, meteorology, geography, meteorological instrumentation, climate analysis/policy, adaptation/mitigation strategies, agricultural meteorology/climatology, etc.
- Ability to continue a record of scholarly achievement consistent with the expectations for a tenured Associate Professor or Professor at the University of Oklahoma.

The Director reports to the Dean of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences. The desired starting date is 16 August 2010. The Director portion for this appointment will be for an initial four-year term, with the possibility of renewal.

To apply, submit: a cover letter (no more than five pages) discussing how past professional experiences have prepared you for this senior leadership position; a copy of your full curriculum vitae; and a list of three to five individuals who may be contacted for a reference (for each, please include full contact information). Review of applications will begin 19 March 2010; applications will be considered until the position is filled. Applications and nominations should be sent electronically to Dr. John T. Snow, Dean, College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences, [jsnow@ou.edu](mailto:jsnow@ou.edu). One paper copy of all materials should be mailed to Ms. Lee Anne Sallee, c/o Dean's Office, The National Weather Center, Suite 1100, 120 David L. Boren Blvd, Norman, Oklahoma 73072.

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