Jackson County Information

Jackson County is located in the southern portion of western Oregon, adjacent to the California state line. The county includes nearly 3,000 square miles of land and has a population of just over 200,000 people.

The County is blessed with moderate weather. Unlike many regions in Oregon, Jackson County only receives around 19 inches of rainfall a year. While the weather is mild, there are four distinct seasons.

The area is served by the Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport, offering convenient and affordable travel on several major airlines. Notable attractions in the county include the city of Ashland, OR—home of a nationally known Shakespeare festival, the wild and scenic Rogue River, and a growing vineyard and winery industry.

Principal industries in Jackson County include healthcare, agriculture, tourism, manufacturing/retail and timber.

Faculty Search: Research Center Director

Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center
Oregon State University
Central Point, OR

To view the full position announcement and apply, visit the Oregon State University job website at:

http://oregonstate.edu/jobs.

Or, contact Michael Bondi, Search Committee Chair. Bondi is the Director at the North Willamette Research and Extension Center, Aurora, OR. Bondi’s phone is 503-705-2434. His email is:

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Closing date is August 31, 2015. For full consideration, complete application and required materials must be received by August 5, 2015.
A mid/senior level career opportunity serving agriculture and the community in Southern Oregon

Oregon State University is searching for a new Director of the Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center (SOREC) in Central Point, OR. SOREC is one of 11 agricultural research experiment stations across Oregon and serves the needs of local tree fruit growers, vineyards, and smaller specialty farm producers in the region.

Besides the research center and their faculty and staff, SOREC is also home to the Jackson County Extension office and their faculty and staff. In addition to providing leadership for the research unit (30% FTE), the new Director will provide local leadership for the Extension unit (20% FTE). The remaining one-half of the position will be devoted to the individual’s own research and/or Extension programming.

This position is being recruited at the Associate or Full Professor level.

SDREC—a leader in agricultural research and development

The Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center is a 81-acre experimental farm and office/meeting complex located northwest of Medford, OR. There are currently five faculty members and five support staff serving the Research Center. Faculty expertise include: viticulture, integrated pest management, and tree fruit production science.

In addition, OSU’s Jackson County Extension office is housed at the Center and includes 8 faculty and 10 program assistants and clerical support staff. Combined, these two units—research and Extension—serve more than 47,000 community members annually with research-based educational information to solve local problems.

An exciting new future

In May 2014, voters in Jackson County created a service district to provide property tax support dedicated to fund the Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center—including its research and outreach education programs and operations.

As SOREC looks to the future to more effectively serve the needs of southern Oregon’s citizens, the new Research Director will play a pivotal role in identifying priorities, guiding the local faculty and staff to meet community needs, and being an effective researcher/educator in the region.

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