Units: Mershon Center for International Security Studies/Academic Department
Position: Director (50%) and Professor (50%)
Rank: Professor

Description:
The Ohio State University seeks a director for the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. The center’s mission is to advance understanding of national and international security in a global context. It does this by fostering research and public outreach in numerous disciplines, working in particular to promote multi-disciplinary collaboration and high quality scholarship that addresses the questions central to security studies, broadly defined. This position is sponsored jointly by Ohio State’s Office of International Affairs and the College of Arts and Sciences. Consequently, the Mershon Center Director will report to the Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs and to the college dean through a department chair. The director will be expected to pursue an active research agenda and to carry half-time teaching responsibilities in his or her department.

Qualifications:
The Mershon Director must hold a PhD or equivalent degree and have a record of successful publication and teaching that justifies appointment at the rank of full professor. Experiences in governmental, inter-governmental, and/or non-governmental institutions and agencies dealing with security issues are desirable, as is significant experience of international engagement and collaboration generally. Applicants should have a track record of academic leadership including grant seeking and institution building as well as other entrepreneurial endeavors. Appointment is contingent on the university’s verification of credentials and other information required by law and/or university policies, including but not limited to a criminal background check.

About Columbus:
The Ohio State University campus is located in Columbus, the capital city of Ohio. Columbus is the center of a rapidly growing and diverse metropolitan area with a population of over 1.5 million. The area offers a wide range of affordable housing, many cultural and recreational opportunities, excellent schools, and a strong economy based on government as well as service, transportation and technology industries (see http://liveworkplaycolumbus.com/). Columbus has consistently been rated as one of the Top U.S. cities for quality of life, and was selected as one of the Top 10 cities for African Americans to live, work, and play by Black Enterprise magazine. Additional information about the Columbus area is available at http://www.columbus.org.

Application Instructions:
Apply to Academic Jobs Online at: https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/6352. All applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and a cover letter briefly (1-2 pages) explaining why they are interested in the position and describing their vision of international security studies going forward. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled but those received by November 2, 2015, will receive priority consideration. Inquiries may be directed to Richard Herrmann at Herrmann.1@osu.edu.

The Ohio State University is committed to establishing a culturally and intellectually diverse environment, encouraging all members of our learning community to reach their full potential. We are responsive to dual-career families and strongly promote work-life balance to support our community members through a suite of institutionalized policies. We are an NSF Advance Institution and a member of the Ohio/Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC).

The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, or protected veteran status.