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University Advancement Recruitment Brochure
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Ohio University was chartered by the State of Ohio in 1804 and is the oldest university in the Northwest Territory. Located in the scenic Appalachian foothills of southeastern Ohio, its classic residential campus is one of the most attractive in the nation. The charm of the tree-lined brick walkways on the university’s College Green makes you feel as if you are at a small college rather than a large university. One can walk between most campus buildings within about 10 minutes.

It is possible to live a mile away from the University buildings in a residential neighborhood and walk to work, or to live on a farm within a 20-minute drive. The city of Athens is surrounded by a patchwork of hardwood forests that constitute the Wayne National Forest.

Under the 2015 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classifications, Ohio University is designated an R2 level research university (higher research activity) under the Basic classification. Only 107 schools—2.3 percent—of the 4,665 schools assessed in 2015 by the Carnegie Foundation are classified as an R2 research university (higher research activity). All of Ohio University’s institutional peers are classified as either a “research university (higher research activity)” or a “research university (highest research activity).”

Ohio University’s roots are in post-Revolutionary War America. In 1786, a group of veterans petitioned Congress to purchase, through the Ohio Company of Associates, one-and-a-half million acres north and west of the Ohio River.
History

Revenue from two townships in the Ohio Company purchase was set aside for support of a university. In 1808, the University opened with three students, and in 1815, awarded its first two bachelor’s degrees.

The University graduated a total of only 145 students before the Civil War. By 1920, it had 1,072 students, but it was not until after World War II that the University began to approach its present size.

In the 1950s, the student population grew from 4,600 to 8,000, and the 1960s saw enrollment burgeon from about 10,000 to some 18,000 students on the Athens campus. In the early 1970s, during the Vietnam era, the student population fell below 13,000. Today, the Athens campus serves about 23,000 undergraduate, graduate, and medical school students.

Since 1946, the University’s service as the major educational and cultural institution in southeastern Ohio has included regional campuses in Chillicothe, Ironton, Lancaster, St. Clairsville, and Zanesville. Within the last five years, OHIO has opened regional campuses in Dublin and Cleveland, Ohio, and also has enrolled an increased number of students in online degree programs. As of spring 2018, OHIO’s total undergraduate enrollment reached 28,181 and graduate and medical school enrollment totaled 6,160, bringing the number of students studying at OHIO to 34,341.

The University’s annual budget is $764.5 million and accounts for all of its operations on all of its campuses. Ohio University is the largest employer in Athens County, employing 5,095 people. The Athens campus consists of about 1,800 acres and 200 buildings.
The Division of University Advancement is made up of seven departmental units: Advancement Administration, Advancement Communication and Marketing, Advancement Services, Alumni Association, Central Programs, Development, and The Ohio University Foundation Accounting Office.

Together, these units build and strengthen the University’s relationship with all of those important in the life of the institution by connecting students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff, and the community.

They also serve as the active support system for both the Ohio University Alumni Association and The Ohio University Foundation.

University Advancement works diligently to secure the private support that makes excellence possible by telling the University’s stories and communicating its mission across the state, the nation, and the world.
The first gift to Ohio University came in 1816 when Christopher and Daniel Herrold forgave the University’s debt on the purchase of the lumber to build Cutler Hall.

Another early major gift came when William D. Emerson, class of 1833, provided $1,000 through his estate. The funds were used to create an endowment, which provided “a prize to the student or alumnus who produced the best original poem.”

In the 1920s, Ohio University sought private funds to build Memorial Auditorium and more than 2,000 alumni responded with a gift during the eight-year campaign.
President John Baker established The Ohio University Fund in 1946. In its first year, The Ohio University Fund generated more than $35,000 in private gifts, which President Baker considered a solid beginning.

When the University’s sesquicentennial approached, President Baker recognized the opportunity to establish broad-based support for Ohio University. His goal was to raise $1,000 for the Sesquicentennial Scholarship Fund for each year of the University’s life by commencement in June 1954. By the June commencement, $364,724 had been raised from 3,788 alumni, students, and friends. The funds raised by this effort are still benefiting Ohio University students.

In 1961, President Vernon R. Alden founded the Trustees Academy, a gift society to recognize Ohio University’s most generous benefactors.

Ohio’s next major formal effort would come in the following decade, when “The 1804 Capital Gifts Fund Campaign” was launched. Under the leadership of President Charles Ping, the campaign sought to raise $14 million dollars.

The 1804 Fund was a huge success, raising a total of $23.6 million and creating lasting legacies for Ohio University, which continue today, providing countless opportunities for OHIO’s students and faculty.

The Third Century Campaign was launched in 1987 with a goal of $100 million. President Ping’s ambitious plans to grow the endowment were realized by the campaign’s conclusion. More than $132 million had been raised, and the endowment had grown from $54.6 million to more than $90 million by the campaign’s end in 1993.
The Bicentennial Campaign, begun in 1997, sought to position Ohio University as the “best in class” in celebration of being one of the finest, state-assisted, medium-sized, research universities committed to superior undergraduate education in the nation. The goal of $200 million doubled the goal of the Third Century Campaign.

The Bicentennial Campaign concluded in 2004, achieving a total of $221 million in gifts and commitments.

The most significant fundraising effort in Ohio University’s history, The Promise Lives Campaign, surpassed its $450 million goal securing more than half-a-billion dollars by the time it closed on June 30, 2015. The extraordinary commitment of alumni and friends culminated in unprecedented support for students, faculty, programs, outreach, and capital projects.
Commitment to Diversity

Diversity is a dynamic phenomenon, which means that any definition of diversity will miss some of its evolving features. With that caveat in mind, Ohio University defines diversity as signifying difference and heterogeneity between and among individuals, groups, and cultures. Specifically, diversity is inclusive of all ages, races, ethnic groups, genders, gender identities, sexual orientations, national origins, cultures, socioeconomic classes, capabilities, ways of thinking, geographic regions, and religions. Ohio University’s own statement on diversity affirms its commitment “to promoting an atmosphere where understanding and acceptance of cultural and racial differences are ensured.”
How to Apply:

Applications for employment at Ohio University are accepted online. Generally, a resume, cover letter, and three references are required.

To search OHIO’s job postings and submit your application, please go to www.ohiouniversityjobs.com

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University Advancement Leadership

Nico Karagosian, who has more than 20 years of experience and came to Ohio University from the University of Cincinnati, began his duties as vice president of University Advancement and president and CEO of The Ohio University Foundation in March 2018.

Karagosian served in a variety of leadership positions at the University of Cincinnati Foundation, where he started in 2014 as the associate vice president of principal gifts and campaign manager. He was named associate vice president of Advancement and deputy campaign and bicentennial director in 2016 and was promoted to vice president of Advancement and executive director of the UC Bicentennial in 2017. In addition to managing all aspects of the university’s 200th anniversary celebration, Karagosian oversaw donor relations, stewardship, special events, and presidential initiatives for the foundation.

Karagosian has additional experience working in higher education development at the University of South Florida and Monroe Community College; he has also facilitated charitable giving within the private sector.

Born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Karagosian is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) who earned his MBA and MS in Health Administration from the State University of New York Polytechnic Institute. He earned his BA in English from Hobart College in Geneva, New York.
College of Arts and Sciences

As the largest college at Ohio University, the College of Arts and Sciences includes 19 departments and a variety of interdisciplinary centers and institutes. As a result, it provides the primary instruction for a third of all undergraduate students. The college also has an active and competitive graduate school offering in both doctoral and master’s degree programs in several areas. The college provides foundational instruction for students’ general education and liberal arts requirements. Its mission is three-fold: teaching, research, and outreach toward its diverse student population.

Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education

This college’s history, spanning 125 years, has demonstrated its strength as an innovative learning center. It was the first public teacher preparation program in Ohio. It prepares leader-educators, practitioners, and human service professionals who are committed to serving society responsibly as change agents in meeting diverse human and social needs. The college’s mission is to provide learning-centered experiences that foster a diverse academic community. This community serves the economic and cultural needs of the region and benefits the state, nation, and world by generating new knowledge and educating future citizens and leaders.

College of Business

The College of Business prides itself on being home to one of the nation’s best choices in business education and on providing a dynamic learning environment designed to keep pace with the evolving business landscape. It is committed to supporting a community of talented faculty and staff and maintains a 91-percent employment rate three months after students graduate from the college. The college’s mission focuses on inspiring innovators who strategically create value; motivating leaders who serve with grit and determination; and nurturing self-aware citizens who better the world of business.

College of Fine Arts

Founded in 1936, OHIO’s College of Fine Arts celebrates innovative creativity and scholarship and engages students through a challenging and supportive learning environment. The college infuses the arts into the University, the region, and the world. Its vision is to be an internationally significant center of creative practice and scholarship that actively launches arts initiatives which reflect a diversity of ideas and cultures. Its programs in art, dance, film, interdisciplinary arts, music, and theater are staffed by world-class faculty and artists.
College of Health Sciences and Professions

As the second largest academic unit on OHIO’s Athens campus, the college educates students in health professions which prepare them to take leadership roles in a competitive, technological, culturally diverse, and global healthcare environment. It strives to enrich the quality of lives, especially for individuals in underserved and vulnerable populations, through interprofessional and community collaborations. Since 2010, the college’s core mission has been focused on health and well-being with the aim of becoming a national model for health professions education, scholarship, and service.

Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine

The Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine educates physicians committed to practice in Ohio, emphasizes primary care, engages in focused research, and embraces both Appalachian and urban communities. Students are taught that each patient should be treated as a whole person and that all body systems are interrelated and dependent on one another for a person’s health. Osteopathic medical training emphasizes wellness, preventive medicine, and the prominent role of the musculoskeletal system in restoring health. The Heritage College’s community commits itself to providing a clinically integrated, learning-centered, osteopathic medical education continuum for students, interns, residents, and primary care associates; embracing diversity and public service; and improving the health and well-being of underserved populations. It operates in service to being recognized as the national leader in training osteopathic primary care physicians and the number one producer of primary care physicians in the country.

Honors Tutorial College

Students in this college receive an education that is unique and tailored to ensure life-long intellectual engagement. The Honors Tutorial College is the oldest, largest, and most academically diverse tutorial-based degree-granting honors college in the country. The college was modeled after the tutorial traditions of British universities such as Cambridge and Oxford. The college has approximately 225 students who declare majors in one 36 programs of study at the college. The college is recognized as unique among other honors institutions in the country due to its emphasis on individualized learning through one-on-one or small group tutorials.
Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ College of Engineering & Technology

Following the motto “Create for good,” the Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ College of Engineering and Technology graduates, faculty, and staff are eclectic professionals and academics who embody the message by performing work that improves the world around them. The college offers traditional engineering and technology disciplines, including many accredited programs, and world-class research embedded in a diverse liberal arts institution. The college views OHIO’s liberal arts environment as a factor in attracting and supporting students, faculty, and staff who are dedicated to improving the world. The Russ College is home to world-class research in avionics engineering, and strategically targets the transportation infrastructure, energy and the environment, and bioengineering fields.

Scripps College of Communication

The Scripps College of Communication was created to meet the communication needs of a changing society. New forms of communication, the growth of communication systems, and the need for better communication among people, races, economic groups, and nations were factors in Ohio University’s decision to prepare graduates both for traditional roles and for a variety of new opportunities. The college prepares students to be effective and responsible communicators in a global society and to advance the field through creative activity and research on communication concepts, issues, and problems. It fosters multicultural awareness within a diverse community and champions a climate of civility. The college trains graduates for careers and post-baccalaureate study in journalism, video and audio production, music production, interactive media, voice and data communication, visual communication, and organizational and interpersonal communication.

University College

University College champions students who have not decided on an area of study, seeing the student as being unbound, unlimited, and open to everything Ohio University has to offer. The college gives students the opportunity to find the right program of study for them—whether it be a bachelor’s degree program or an earning an associate degree. The college manages OHIO’s Learning Communities program, a program designed around student interests that helps them perform well in their courses, adapt more effectively to campus life, make new friends, and build relationships with professors. It also is home to and supports key units such as the Academic Advancement Center, the Allen Student Advising Center, Learning Community Programs, and the Student Writing Center that help all undergraduates attain academic success.
The Athens area, in partnership with Ohio University, has created an atmosphere for personal and intellectual development, environmental sustainability, family centered activities, and enjoyment for a diverse community. It boasts beautiful natural surroundings that include city, state, and national parks and forests. The creative spirit is alive in Athens and in the region, where craft breweries, locally-owned restaurants offering myriad cuisine options, and a vibrant fine and musical arts scene collectively enrich the community.

Here are some of the events and recreation spaces that make Athens and the region a special place to live and work:

- Athens’ Award-winning Farmers Market
- Nelsonville Music Festival
- Ohio Valley Summer Theater
- Ohio University Performing Arts Series
- Dairy Barn Arts Center
- Ohio Brew Week
- Hocking Hills State Park
- Wayne National Forest