Welcome New Faculty!
Why We Do This

We are the gateway of opportunity
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We are the guardians of culture
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We cultivate flourishing citizens
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We create the future
The OU Culture

Founded in 1890, OU is part of the fabric of the state of Oklahoma.

Its culture is defined by the optimism of its first President David Ross Boyd, who saw an empty prairie and exclaimed:

*What Possibilities!* 

OU combines excellence and access, embodying the ideals of the American public research university.
The OU Culture

We are a gateway of opportunity – a comprehensive, public university combining excellence and accessibility.

We are a family – a campus where people from different walks of life come together and care about each other.

We prepare students for citizenship and for life in global society. We build character and civility. We create communities.

We discover and we create. We curate the wisdom of the ages and we push forward the frontiers of knowledge.

We compete. With collaboration, boldness, and creativity, we excel and we give Oklahoma a university to be proud of.
What Kind of University Are We?

Public University
state funds ~12% of the budget, tuition most affordable…

Comprehensive Research University
Liberal Arts Core
Honors College

21000 undergraduate, 6000 grad students

~1000 regular faculty
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Think Big

Invest in Every Dimension

Put Down Roots
We don’t have hundreds of years of history. We don’t have the same resources. But we compete with the big dogs.


By being bold. By being the University of Oklahoma.