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The Ohio State University Airport invites applications for
Airport Director

Columbus, OH

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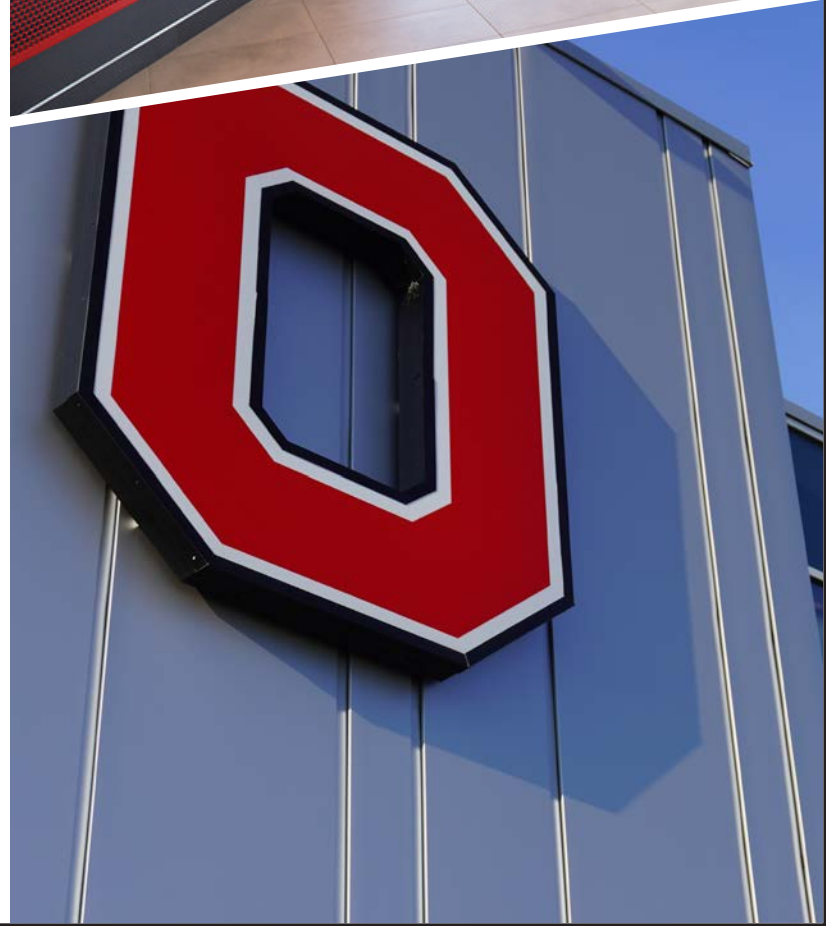


The Airport

The Ohio State University Airport (KOSU) serves as a hub to regional industry members, a learning lab for future aviation professionals and a core facility for university research. Since 1942 it has grown to be a nationally recognized leading general aviation facility.

Regional Hub / The Ohio State University Airport has distinguished itself as central Ohio's premier executive airport. A full-service terminal offers incredible pilot, crew, and customer amenities, while on-site aircraft maintenance provides full fly-in service. A gateway serving the global aviation industry, KOSU is among the top-five busiest airports in Ohio. Three runways and a control tower support over 80,000 aircraft operations annually. Located in a rapidly growing metropolitan area home to five Fortune 500 and 15 Fortune 1000 companies, Ohio State's airport regularly provides easy access and attentive service to 200+ tenants and corporate partners. The airport's economic impact is an estimated \$157 million in direct and indirect benefits to central Ohio.

Learning Lab / As one of three airports owned by top-tier research universities nationwide, KOSU supports the development of future aviation professionals in a variety of career paths. It is the primary teaching and research nucleus serving the university's Center for Aviation Studies and engages with other units throughout the university. Each semester 300+ students participate in labs or coursework at the airport, utilizing its fleet of 20 aircraft, flight simulators, air traffic control tower, weather station, and communications and navigation systems. In the flight education program, over 100 students annually earn pilot certificates. Students also perform critical roles across the airport, learning on-the-job skills in line service, customer service, aircraft maintenance and more. Alumni are found throughout the international aviation industry.





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Research and Development / Ohio State's airport enhances the future of aviation by supporting research and development. Interdisciplinary projects span general aviation safety, experimental aircraft, aviation accident investigation, weather instrumentation, runway improvements and public safety training. An early adopter of uncrewed aerospace systems, KOSU is a Federal Aviation Administration-certified operations site for drones. The airport utilizes drones for wildlife management and daily FAA-required airfield inspections. Uncrewed aerospace systems are also used to support required fire safety trainings, on-site construction and accident response. The university's world-renowned Aerospace Research Center is located on the airport's campus. ARC focuses the university's aerospace activities to address current and future air transportation challenges. The multi-laboratory team performs a wide range of aerospace research projects, including in the areas of uncrewed aerospace systems, aerodynamic flow control and gas turbines. The center's unique position allows for the facilitation of collaborations between academia, industry and other organizations.



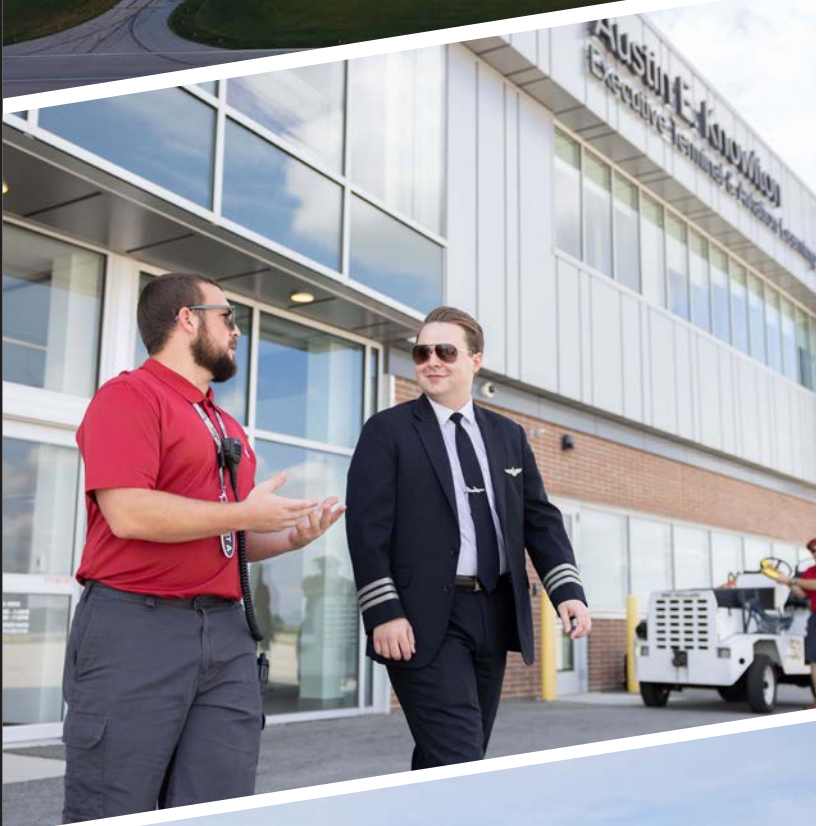
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Expansion and Development / In 2018, the airport's \$15 million Austin E. Knowlton Executive Terminal & Aviation Learning Center opened its doors. Its immediate success is noted in an increase in student enrollment in the flight education program and glowing feedback from customers, tenants and industry members partaking of the airport's expanded services. Now, implementation of the next phase of the airport's master plan is underway. Construction has begun on a 50-acre corporate airpark, featuring build-to-suit private hangars with easy airfield access. Planned runway enhancements will provide industry partners and charter travelers with greater access to global destinations. Sites dedicated to aviation manufacturing and service providers are being identified for development on the airport's campus. Approximately 75 staff members work for the University at the airport.

Within 600 miles of approximately 50% of the United States population and surrounded by a vibrant local economy with a growing population, The Ohio State University Airport is set to continue to be an integral element of central Ohio's progress.



Local Aviation Resource / Partners and tenants located on the KOSU campus enhance the aviation community. Those include Ohio Department of Transportation aviation headquarters, MedFlight air ambulance, Columbus Division of Fire and many local and national aviation clubs.

The Ohio State University / For 150 years, The Ohio State University's campus in Columbus has been the stage for academic achievement and a laboratory for innovation. It's where friendships are forged. It's where rivalries and revelry are born. The university's main campus is one of America's largest and most comprehensive. As Ohio's best and one of the nation's top-20 public universities, Ohio State is further recognized by a top-rated academic medical center and research center. As a land-grant university, Ohio State has a physical presence throughout the state, with campuses and research centers located around Ohio. KOSU is located seven miles north of campus.

The Community

Columbus, Ohio

As the 14th largest city in the country and the largest and fastest-growing city in Ohio, Columbus is collaborative, open, and dynamic. Between incredible arts and entertainment, exciting collegiate and professional sports, and a spectacular downtown riverfront of sprawling greenspace, Columbus has something for everyone.

According to the experts, Columbus is...

- **Exceptional:** Columbus ranked “Highest in Visitor Satisfaction in the Midwest” by J.D. Power in the 2016 Destination Experience Satisfaction Study.
- **Smart:** Columbus won the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Smart City Challenge and was named a 2018 winner of the Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge.
- **Dynamic:** You’ll recognize the excitement in Columbus immediately according to Travel & Leisure, who named the capital city one of America’s 30 favorite cities. One of the New York Times’ 52 Places to Visit in 2019, Columbus is a top travel spot.
- **Booming:** The population of Columbus is growing and thriving, with the city named one of the 10 Best Big Cities to Live in Right Now and a top place to live for millennials by TIME and a Best American City to Work in Tech from Smart Asset.
- **Fun:** Columbus was named one of the “30 Most Fun Places to Live in the U.S.” by U.S. News & World Report, and is bursting with creativity from independent artists, professional performance companies and artists-in-residence.

Columbus’ food scene features top-ranked chefs, a rich farm-to-table movement and one-of-a-kind restaurants. Columbus has consistently gained national recognition for its food scene in recent years, including head chef of Service Bar, Avishar Barua, competing on Season 18 of Top Chef in 2021.

Columbus’ vibrant neighborhoods offer endless entertainment options. Collectively, these districts are referred to as the “Five on High,” as they sit on a five-mile stretch of High Street, the city’s main drag. Each neighborhood is packed with local restaurants, boutiques, art galleries and more.



The Community (*continued*)

Hundreds of acres of green space are conveniently interspersed throughout the city. There are so many opportunities to hop off the pavement and onto a trail. Columbus Metro Parks offers more than 20 parks with +200 miles of trails for beginner trailblazers and veteran explorers alike. Terrain varies from flat fields and rocky ravines to breakneck bluffs and rugged ridges. The parks and trails are beautiful any time of year, from the changing of leaves in the fall to the blooming of flowers in the spring.

Dublin, Ohio

The Ohio State University Airport is located in northwest Columbus, Ohio. This position allows KOSU to not only be associated with the broader Columbus, Ohio city scene, but also partake of the local suburban community of Dublin, Ohio.

In the Columbus suburb of Dublin, you'll find residential charm and a small town feel, particularly in the Historic Dublin part of downtown. Named by an Irishman in the 1800s who was reminded of Dublin, Ireland, with old-fashioned shops and brick-lined sidewalks, there's undeniable charm in this part of town. In August, don't miss the area's popular Dublin Irish Festival, the largest three-day Irish Festival in the world! You'll even find several buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. Further out from the urban part of Dublin are the sprawling suburbs, including the home of golf's Memorial Tournament.

Across the water from Historic Dublin lies the bustling Bridge Park neighborhood, connected via a non-motorized vehicle bridge. With easily accessible shopping, dining and entertainment options that are bracketed by apartments and other lodging options, Bridge Park is a lively new neighborhood in the area and is home to the second location of Downtown Columbus' historic North Market. In addition, the Dublin Market hosted at Bridge Park is a popular farmers market that attracts shoppers from around the city.

Public art installations abound, with larger-than-life offerings like Field of Corn and Leatherlips, offering surprise and delight for visitors. The area is just minutes from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, plus it offers 60+ parks and 100+ miles of connected bike trails, so there are plenty of outdoor adventures to be had.



The Position

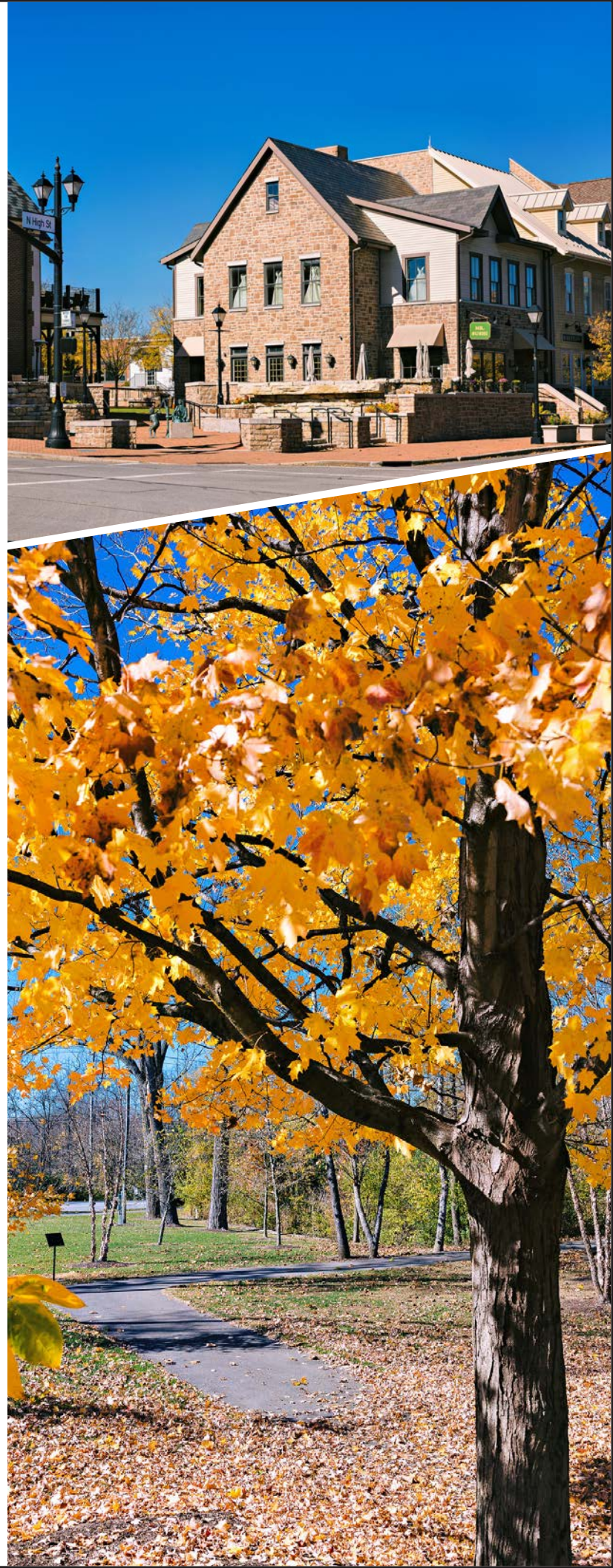
The Airport Director is responsible for all aspects of the operation, maintenance, finance, and development of the Ohio State University Airport. The Airport Director develops and executes the airport's strategic direction, fosters a positive culture, inspires the workforce, develops the staff, and drives results and accountability. They have oversight of safety, maintenance, and operating initiatives and compliance, fixed base operation (FBO), capital improvement program (CIP), flight education and maintenance programs, noise program, identifying and evaluating new sources of revenue and funding, and compliance with the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. They help to identify value-added services and business offerings and funding mechanisms needed to fulfill the mission of the airport and will work with university, city, county, state and federal representatives, and agencies to ensure long-term sustainability. The Airport Director sets strategic priorities and objectives for the level and types of services offered at the airport.

The Airport Director has oversight responsibilities for the FAA Part 145 repair station and FAA Part 141 flight education programs at the airport. The Airport Director sets airport facilities standards and maintains records in accordance with Federal Aviation standards and rules, specifically FAA Part 139, 141, & 145. They also direct marketing and promotion of airport services and properties, identify partners and tenants, negotiate leases, maintain a positive rapport with airport stakeholders and establish positive and effective relationships with the University departments and the community.

Preferred Experience

The successful candidate for this position will have a 4-year degree from an accredited college or university. A master's degree is a plus. Extensive experience in an airport environment demonstrating increasing competence and responsibility is essential.

Professional aviation certifications, private pilot's license, UAS 107 certification, and experience managing an airport in a university environment bring value to the role.





Compensation and Benefits

The starting salary range for this position is \$146,000 – \$195,000. Salary may be negotiated above range based on qualifications, experience, and with approvals. Ohio State University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including tuition assistance, retirement plan and more. Relocation assistance is available. A full description of the benefit program can be found at <https://hr.osu.edu/benefits/>.

How To Apply

To apply online, [click here](#).

Deadline for applications: June 4, 2023

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