Head of Instruction and Liaison Services
University Libraries

The University of Arkansas Libraries seek applications and nominations for the position of Head of Instruction and Liaison Services. In an environment where constant change and transformation occur, the Head of Instruction and Liaison Services works collaboratively with library staff that provide instruction and consultation services, collection development, and outreach to the campus research community.

The head leads a department of professional librarians and staff to support student learning through the development and assessment of focused instruction and consultation services throughout the curriculum. The department consists of librarians for agriculture, business, education, engineering, geosciences, english, communication, social and life sciences, and mathematics. In addition, the head provides collaborative leadership in liaison services for all campus disciplines and extends partnerships with campus entities, including the University’s Global Campus and Honors College.

Responsibilities of this position include research and creative work and service in keeping with the faculty requirements of the University of Arkansas. The successful candidate must have demonstrated a record of achievement sufficient for appointment at the rank of Librarian / Professor with tenure and should possess excellent interpersonal skills encompassing the ability to work collegially as a member of a team; strong analytical and organizational skills; and excellent written and oral communication skills. A dossier will be required for appointment and hiring.

Qualifications. Required: A master’s degree from an ALA-accredited program and a minimum of seven years of experience with research and instruction programs. Demonstrated understanding of, and receptiveness to, the uses of emerging technologies and instructional design principles. Demonstrated success with leading and managing people in a research environment. Preferred: Knowledge of trends and issues in scholarly communications. Demonstrated experience with assessment tools and strategies. Knowledge of collection development tools and methods.

Rank and Salary: Tenured, twelve-month faculty appointment at the rank of Librarian / Professor. Salary: $75,000.

Benefits: Relocation allowance available. Benefits include TIAA/CREF, Fidelity Mutual Fund, or the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, 22 days of annual leave, tuition reduction, and health insurance.

Background: The University of Arkansas places students first by enhancing academic programs, creating an engaging campus life, reducing obstacles, enhancing diversity, improving graduation rates, and marshaling the expertise of the faculty, staff, and students. The University is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a research university with very high levels of research activity (RU/VH). The University provides a superior campus landscape and environment while designing and building world class facilities. The funding for research awards and research expenditures continues to grow, and so do the academic programs offered. The University Libraries share in the stewardship of the University’s goals and takes responsibility for the health of the research and teaching collections as well as programs that further support the academic mission. For more information, visit the Libraries’ home page (http://libinfo.uark.edu). The University of Arkansas campus (http://www.uark.edu/) in Fayetteville, Arkansas, with a student enrollment of more than 25,000, is the flagship campus of the University of Arkansas System. With a population of approximately 460,000, the northwest Arkansas region is home to two Fortune 100 company headquarters. This thriving region offers numerous cultural venues, such as the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, the Walton Arts Center, and the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History. (http://www.collegetownprofile.com/arkansas/universityofarkansas/index.html)
Application deadline and contact information. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Completed applications received by April 10, 2015, will receive full consideration. Late applications will be reviewed as necessary to fill the position. Send letter of application, résumé, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three current references to libhrofc@uark.edu to the attention of Jeff Banks, Assistant Director for Library Human Resources and Diversity Programs, University of Arkansas Libraries, 365 N. McIlroy Avenue, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701-4002.

The University of Arkansas is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. The University welcomes applications without regard to age, race, gender (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, religion, marital or parental status, protected veteran status, military service, genetic information, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Persons must have proof of legal authority to work in the United States on the first day of employment. All applicant information is subject to public disclosure under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.