Head, The Office of Scholarly Communications

The University of Arkansas Libraries and the Office of Research and Economic Development seeks a highly experienced and nationally engaged individual to lead the University of Arkansas’ Scholarly Communications Program. Reporting to the Dean of Libraries and the Vice Provost for Research and Economic Development, the Head of the Office of Scholarly Communications is charged with oversight of the office, developing and implementing the scholarly communications program, the Institutional Repository, and educating the campus community about scholarly publishing and issues related to open access and copyright/intellectual property.

Major responsibilities include: establishing an educational program that promotes the benefits of open access publishing; partnering with liaison librarians to conduct outreach activities to faculty and increase awareness of the institutional repository; conducting assessment reviews to determine effectiveness of outreach activities; coordinating with the University Press to ensure scholarly publishing is represented in the institutional repository; consulting with university administrators, faculty, researchers and students on copyright, publisher agreements, and intellectual property rights; monitoring scholarly communication trends and serving as the campus liaison to national scholarly communication memberships, such as CLIR, Digital Library Federation, and/or SPARC.

The ideal candidate will possess a strong commitment to providing excellent customer service and demonstrated interpersonal skills, including the ability to interact, collaborate, and promote teamwork and inclusiveness with a variety of colleagues (staff, faculty, and students). The candidate will also possess the ability to use technology in creative ways to solve problems and create efficiencies; proven ability to prioritize work with competing demands and meet multiple deadlines; and excellent written and oral communication skills.

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 will be considered for appointment at the level of Associate Librarian / Associate Professor based on accomplishments in performance, scholarly activity, and professional service. A dossier will be required for appointment and hiring.

Qualifications. Required: A master’s degree from an ALA-accredited program or a doctorate in any field; a minimum of ten years of relevant experience with open access; scholarly publishing experience, especially with university presses; current knowledge of trends and best practices in scholarly communications; demonstrated experience or knowledge of issues related to intellectual property; relevant experience in developing and implementing new ideas in a complex organization. Preferred: Experience providing guidance on scholarly communication and intellectual property rights, and familiarity with managing data; experience increasing awareness and understanding of scholarly communication and intellectual property issues across a campus community.

Rank and Salary: Non-tenure-track faculty appointment at the rank of Clinical Associate Librarian / Associate Professor or Clinical Assistant Librarian / Assistant Professor. Three-year term appointment with the possibility of renewal. Salary minimum: $85,000.

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, 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 funding for research awards and research expenditures continues to grow and so do the academic
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 26,000, 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 October 26, 2015, will receive full consideration. Late applications will be reviewed as necessary to fill the position. For the full posting or to apply, please go to http://jobs.uark.edu/postings/9872.

When completing your application, please upload the following: letter of application (addressed to the attention of Jeff Banks, Assistant Director for Library Human Resources and Diversity Programs), résumé, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three current references.

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.