University of Arkansas Libraries
Librarian-In-Residence Program

The University of Arkansas (UA) Libraries Librarian-in-Residence Program offers an entry-level librarian an opportunity to further their training and begin an exciting career in academic librarianship. The program supports the Libraries’ and the University’s commitment to achieving a culturally diverse faculty and provides the opportunity for a Resident to experience, over two years (third year optional), three areas of librarianship and to develop a specialization. The holistic experience, including professional travel and assigned time for scholarship, will give the Resident a competitive advantage in the search for a successive professional position.

The Resident will have the opportunity to serve in three functional areas the first year, determined mutually by the Resident’s interests and the needs of the Libraries, and attend and become engaged in professional committees and organizations. In the second year, the Resident will begin to specialize by contributing to two functional areas of his or her choosing and to formulate the basis for a capstone project. If mutually agreeable, the optional third year allows the Resident to hone specialization in one area and complete a capstone project, preferably suitable for publication.

Qualifications. Required: Recent graduate of an ALA-accredited master’s degree program in library and information science; strong interest in academic librarianship; commitment to service; excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication, and presentation skills; ability to be flexible and motivated in the face of changing work assignments, projects, and departments; demonstrated commitment to diversity.

Preferred: Fluency in a second language.

Salary and Benefits. Non-tenure-track faculty position with the rank of Visiting Assistant Librarian /Visiting Assistant Professor. Twelve-month appointment renewable for three years. Salary: $43,000. Benefits include TIAA/CREF and/or Fidelity, 22 days of annual leave, tuition reduction, and health insurance.

Background. The University Libraries are comprised of David W. Mullins Library, the Physics Library, the Chemistry and Biochemistry Library, the Fine Arts Library, and the Robert A. and Vivian Young Law Library, with combined holdings of over 1.9 million volumes. The libraries participate in the Center for Research Libraries, the Greater Western Library Alliance, and other state and national consortia. Library personnel (FTE) include 52 faculty and professional staff and 94 support staff. For more information, visit the Libraries’ home page (http://libinfo.uark.edu).

The University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas, with a student enrollment of over 21,000, is the flagship campus (http://www.uark.edu) 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. Situated in the Ozark Mountains, this region offers numerous cultural activities and recreational opportunities (http://www.collegetownprofile.com/arkansas/universityofarkansas/index.html).

Application deadline and contact information. Completed applications received by July 27, 2011 will receive full consideration. Late applications will be reviewed as necessary to fill the position. Send letter of application, résumé, transcripts, a statement on how your commitment to diversity would enhance the UA libraries and the library profession, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three current references to libhrofc@uark.edu to the attention of Jeff Banks, Head, Library Human Resources Department, University of Arkansas Libraries, 365 N. McIlroy Avenue, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701-4002.

The University of Arkansas Libraries is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity institution committed to achieving a culturally diverse faculty. Applicants must have proof of legal authority to work in the United States. All applicants are subject to public disclosure under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.