



University Library

Term Appointment until late March 2013 (2 positions)

Health Sciences Liaison Librarian

Applications are invited for two term appointments with the University Library at the University of Saskatchewan. We are seeking two dynamic, innovative and flexible individuals with the appropriate qualifications and background to work collaboratively as part of the teams based at the Health Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Libraries, two of our seven branch libraries.

The library follows the liaison librarian and integrated reference service models, which include reference, instruction, and collection responsibilities to support on-site and distributed teaching, learning and research. Reporting to the Head of the Health Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Libraries, the appointees will be assigned the following specific responsibilities:

- Development of collections and information resources in the health sciences and/or veterinary medicine, including monitoring the subject approval plans and selecting resources as requested by faculty and graduate students
- Developing relationships with faculty of the assigned departments and providing point-of-need assistance
- Providing reference and information services for clients accessing resources and services through the branch
- Developing and delivering group and individual information research instruction and instructional and training materials in print, web-based, and interactive formats using e-learning technologies where appropriate, and may involve the provision of library services to locations beyond the campus
- Working collaboratively with other liaison librarians, including participation in the Health Sciences cluster

A Master of Library Science is required for this appointment. Candidates must also be able to demonstrate the following attributes and skills:

- Background and interests appropriate to academic librarianship
- Knowledge and understanding of instructional techniques for teaching information literacy skills
- The ability to develop and sustain effective and collaborative professional working relationships and partnerships
- A commitment to high quality service
- Effective communication skills
- Strong analytical, problem solving, and organizational skills
- Demonstrated flexibility and willingness to take initiative
- Be flexible in a changing and dynamic environment

- Ability to work well both independently and in a collegial team environment
- A capacity to lead and motivate others
- A commitment to developing professional knowledge and skills on a continuing basis

The successful appointees will become a member of the Faculty of the University of Saskatchewan. Duties for all Librarians are assigned annually by the Dean. Salary, usually at the base of the rank of Librarian I, will be determined upon appointment. Compensation for U of S Faculty can be found at usask.ca/hrd/manager/compensation.php. Term faculty enjoy an excellent benefits plan including six weeks annual vacation (pro-rated for the length of the term) and a professional expense allowance.

About the University Library

As one of Canada's leading research libraries, the University Library (library.usask.ca) provides tremendous opportunities for professional growth and development in a dynamic and flexible work environment. We have an exciting strategic plan and an accompanying people plan for the future that involves a significant transformation of library services, collections, facilities and organizational culture. Through the priority projects identified within our plan, we contribute to success in learning, scholarship and practice by being leaders and innovators and working in collaboration with others. Our values guide our actions and strongly influence our approach to the practice of professional skills.

The Health Sciences Library serves the Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy and Nutrition, Kinesiology, and the Schools of Physical Therapy and Public Health. There are five librarians and six support staff in the branch who provide subject liaison, reference, instruction, interlibrary loan and circulation services to support learners, teachers and researchers both on campus and in a distributed learning environment. Two SHIRP (Saskatchewan Health Information Resources Partnership) (www.shirp.ca) librarians are also located in the Health Sciences Library. Interprofessional collaboration is an emerging key focus of the health sciences curricula and faculty research initiatives. Construction of a new Health Sciences Library, as part of the larger Academic Health Sciences Project (usask.ca/healthsciences), began in late 2009; the anticipated completion date is spring 2013.

The Veterinary Medicine Library serves the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. There is one librarian and 3 support staff in the branch who provide subject liaison, reference, instruction, and circulation services to faculty, staff and students on campus as well as a cost-recovery literature searching and journal article provision service for veterinary practitioners in the four Western Canadian Provinces.

About the University of Saskatchewan and the City of Saskatoon

Established in 1907, the University of Saskatchewan (usask.ca) has evolved into an institution of note in advanced education and research in Canada. Its Strategic Directions and Integrated Plan outline a vision focused on international standards in all activities, academic pre-eminence and a sense of place. The Canadian Light Source synchrotron, construction of the International Vaccine Centre, the establishment of new graduate Schools of Public Health, Public Policy, and Environment and Sustainability, and significant capital building projects to revitalize Law, Veterinary Medicine, Health Sciences, residences, and library buildings on campus are just some of the University's recent achievements. The University contributes to the cultural life of the community through concerts and recitals of the performing ensembles. The University has a reputation for innovation and excellence in education and boasts one of the most attractive campuses in the country.

Saskatoon (saskatoon.ca) and its surrounding area has a population of 265,000. The city is situated on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River, which is crossed by seven bridges within the city limits. The city offers a scenic riverbank, many parks, a diverse and thriving economic base, a vibrant cultural community, and a high quality of life.

To Apply

Two appointments will be made, with terms ending in late March 2013.

The Search Committee comprises all Librarians holding probationary or tenured appointments and is chaired by the Dean, University Library. The CVs of all applicants will be made available in confidence to the members of the Search Committee. Applicants wishing to apply should send their curriculum vitae, the names of three references, and a statement outlining their knowledge, experience, and abilities as related to this appointment **by February 15, 2012**.

To apply or for further information please contact:

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Note: All appointments are subject to approval by the University Provost

The U of S is committed to employment equity. We welcome diversity and encourage applications from all qualified women and men, including persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, and Aboriginal persons. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada. Please indicate in your application the reason for which you are entitled to work in Canada: Canadian citizenship, permanent resident status or work permit.