Employment Opportunity
Faculty Scholarship Outreach Librarian

The University at Buffalo Libraries seek applicants for the position of Faculty Scholarship Outreach Librarian (Senior Assistant Librarian) in the Law Library. This is a faculty appointment with rank leading to tenure in an academic research-oriented environment. The Charles B. Sears Law Library has a collection of close to 545,000 volumes and volume equivalents and serves the research needs of the University at Buffalo School of Law, the University community, surrounding colleges, the local bar and bench, and the general public. The School of Law, with approximately 450 JD and LLM students and 50 full-time faculty members, has a strong tradition of interdisciplinary scholarship.

The Faculty Scholarship Outreach Librarian tracks, collects and promotes law faculty scholarship, participates in tasks associated with determining scholarly impact, and provides services that support faculty scholarship endeavors. The incumbent serves as the primary advocate for support of sustainable scholarly communication presented and preserved in the Law School’s Digital Commons Repository. S/he develops and leads scholarly support programs for law faculty, creates strategies that will keep faculty informed of trends that increase the likelihood of placing their works in prestigious and highly visible publications, and serves as a liaison to faculty regarding copyright.

The Faculty Scholarship Outreach Librarian provides expert reference services in all areas of law and interdisciplinary subjects as part of the reference services team, including a rotation of evening and weekend hours. S/he participates in the Law Library’s faculty liaison program and serves as the library liaison to the Law School’s law reviews and law journals. The incumbent may teach legal research in the Legal Analysis, Writing & Research program and as a guest lecturer in other Law School courses. The Faculty Scholarship Outreach Librarian participates in library and university committees, task forces, special projects and initiatives as needed.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited Law School (or equivalent). A Master’s degree in library and information science from an ALA accredited institution (or equivalent). Both degrees must be completed by the start of employment.
- Sound knowledge of legal systems and legal bibliography, and strong legal research skills are required.
- Experience working in a law library (at a minimum, experience gained through internships or volunteer work in a law library).
- Evidence of professional scholarly interest, and potential to meet the University Libraries’ promotion and tenure requirements.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively within a collegial environment.
- Must be able to work evenings and weekends on a rotating basis.
Preferred Qualifications:

- Knowledge of the current trends in scholarly communication, copyright, and emerging information technologies.
- Knowledge of the methods and practices surrounding the economics of the scholarly publishing industry.
- Experience using technology to support service innovation and/or productivity enhancements.
- Teaching experience.

Salary and Benefits:

Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Library faculty are members of United University Professions (UUP) and receive generous benefits including health care and prescription drug coverage, dental and vision benefits, life insurance, long-term disability insurance, 15-21 days of vacation per year, 15-21 days of paid sick leave per year, paid holidays, and several choices of retirement plans including TIAA/CREF.

To Apply:

To submit an application, please visit https://www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu and search for posting number 1600898. Interested candidates should upload a CV and a separate cover letter that includes contact information for three professional references (including email addresses). The Search Committee Chair may contact you and ask for a statement of research and service interests. Candidates invited to interview for the position will be expected to give a short presentation to faculty and staff of the University Libraries. Nominations and/or questions may be addressed to Terry McCormack, Search Committee Chair at cormack@buffalo.edu.

The University at Buffalo:

The University at Buffalo (UB) joined the public State University of New York in 1962 and has grown to become the largest and most comprehensive university in the SUNY system. Widely regarded as SUNY’s flagship and its primary center for professional education and training, the University at Buffalo was also the first of the two public universities in the state to earn membership in the pre-eminent Association of American Universities, one of only 59 research-intensive universities in the United States to hold that distinction. Located on an international border, the University at Buffalo is truly a global community of scholars, ranking first in the nation among comprehensive public research universities in terms of percentage of enrollment that is international.

The Buffalo-Niagara region is the state’s second largest major metropolitan area, exceeded only by New York City. The region includes a diverse blend of communities, each with its own distinct personality, yet commonly characterized by a distinctly neighborly way of life, an unpretentious nature and spirited loyalty among residents.

The University at Buffalo is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, and is committed to providing employment opportunities to minorities, women, veterans, disabled individuals, and other protected groups.