

University Libraries
Office of the Vice Provost

Human Resources

# Associate University Librarian for Research, Education, & Outreach University Libraries University at Buffalo The State University of New York

The University Libraries at the University at Buffalo have recently restructured to focus strategically on five areas: research, education, and outreach; discovery and delivery; technology; administration; and law and legal information services. We are seeking an outstanding individual to hold the faculty leadership position of Associate University Librarian (AUL) for Research, Education, & Outreach. The AUL for Research, Education, & Outreach will report directly to the Vice Provost for University Libraries, and will work in concert with the Vice Provost as well as the other AULs in advancing the University Libraries and in support of the University's research, teaching, and service tripartite mission.

The AUL for Research, Education, & Outreach is expected to provide leadership, strategic direction, and support for Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences; Engineering, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences; Health Sciences; and Special Collections. The portfolio of responsibility will include direction for liaison activities including research consultation, instruction, and outreach activities in support of eleven schools at the University at Buffalo. The AUL for Research, Education, & Outreach will provide vision and direction for the research, teaching, and outreach missions of the University Libraries. He/she will also represent the University at Buffalo Libraries in university-wide planning for research, education, and outreach initiatives, as well as in local, regional, and national settings.

We are committed to selecting the person who best fits the needs of the University at Buffalo Libraries, and who will be able to advance our vision of becoming a premier academic research library. This is a tenure-track faculty position. Based upon the University and Libraries' standards in librarianship, research, service and outreach, it is anticipated that the successful candidate will be appointed at the rank of Associate Librarian or Librarian.

## The University at Buffalo Libraries:

The University at Buffalo Libraries contribute strategically to the University at Buffalo's vision of becoming a model 21<sup>st</sup>-century public research university by providing outstanding resources, experts, services, and spaces that enrich the research, teaching, learning, and outreach activities of UB's diverse faculty, students and staff as well as those of our external partners. The University Libraries advance intellectual discovery, information literacy, and lifelong learning, all in support of the University at Buffalo's strategic goals in research, teaching, and service.

As the largest academic research library in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, the University at Buffalo Libraries have an extensive online and print collection, including many locally digitized collections covering a wide range of subject areas. There were more than 3.2 million uses of the Libraries' print and digital collections last year. The 4.1 million volumes of the University Libraries include 882,000 e-books, and the journal holdings include over 115,000 scholarly journal subscriptions.

Our holdings also include 6.2 million microforms, more than 43,000 music recordings, and a substantial multimedia collection. The University Libraries are comprised of 8 physical facilities, including the Charles B. Sears Law Library and the Music Library. We serve over 3.5 million users per year in our buildings.

A University at Buffalo student survey completed in 2014 found overall student satisfaction with the Libraries to be the highest of that of all academic services.

## The University at Buffalo:

The Buffalo-Niagara region, home to 1.5 million residents, 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 (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.

Academic excellence is the university's first priority and chief guiding principle. With a College of Arts and Sciences, 11 professional schools (Architecture and Planning, Dental Medicine, Graduate School of Education, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Law, Management, Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Nursing, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Public Health and Health Professions, and Social Work) plus a graduate division at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, UB has the widest range of academic programs of any public institution in New York or New England.

UB enrolls more than 29,000 students and offers more than 300 academic programs at the baccalaureate, masters, professional and doctoral levels in its 12 decanal units. The university also is home to more than 100 research centers and institutes, and its current annual research expenditures are just shy of \$350 million.

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. As one indicator of the university's prominence in internationalization, UB ranked among the top five U.S. research institutions in its production of Fulbright Scholars for the 2010-11 academic year. Nearly 11 percent of UB students study abroad—five times the national average. UB has exchange programs with more than 75 universities around the world.

The University at Buffalo also prides itself on its unity of academic and athletic excellence. UB fields the only full Division I-A athletics program in the SUNY system. The UB Bulls compete in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) in 19 of their 20 sports, and have won conference or national titles or championships in the past three years in football, men's basketball, women's basketball, women's rowing, and men's and women's tennis. UB's student athletes also consistently earn conference-wide and national

recognition for their academic achievements, including Academic All-MAC honors and NCAA recognition.

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

Master of Library Science degree from an ALA-accredited institution (or equivalent); five years of relevant experience at an academic, special, or research library, or related institution; three years of managerial experience; a national reputation for distinguished scholarship and professional accomplishment; a strong record of service in an appropriate professional or disciplinary association; excellent oral and written communication and interpersonal skills; and a desire to work in a team environment.

We seek a strategic, empathetic visionary who has experience working in a collaborative environment, who is committed to fostering the success of the staff he/she supervises, and who values and encourages diversity. The incumbent/successful candidate will have the ability to deal with ambiguity, be risk-tolerant, and possess the ability to manage change within the workplace.

### **Preferred Qualifications:**

Experience assessing users' needs and implementing programs to meet those needs; working 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; experience implementing online tools which support all facets of knowledge management; knowledge of financial analysis and reporting.

# **Professional Rank, Salary and Benefits:**

This is a tenure-track faculty position. Based upon the University and Libraries' standards in librarianship, research, service and outreach, it is anticipated that the successful candidate will be appointed at the rank of Associate Librarian or Librarian; rank and salary are dependent upon qualifications and experience. Fringe benefits include paid holidays, liberal vacation and sick leave, health care and prescription coverage, dental and vision coverage, life insurance, long-term disability insurance, and New York State or TIAA/CREF retirement options.

# To Apply:

To submit an application, please visit <a href="https://www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu">https://www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu</a> and search for posting number **1600332**. Interested candidates should upload a CV and a separate cover letter that includes contact information for three professional references (including email addresses). The Libraries' Human Resources Officer 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 Cherie Williams, University Libraries' Human Resources Officer, <a href="mailto:cbw@buffalo.edu">cbw@buffalo.edu</a>.

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