

**University at Buffalo**  
**Scholarly Publishing Librarian (Faculty Position)**  
**Visiting Senior Assistant Librarian**

The University at Buffalo Libraries seek an exceptional and highly motivated **Scholarly Publishing Librarian (Visiting Senior Assistant Librarian)** to assist scholars with increasing the visibility and impact of their research and education agendas. This is a non-tenure track, two-year appointment without further reappointment. We are looking for early career professionals who can work closely with other team members to direct initiatives that will transform the Libraries into a hub of scholarly communication and who are committed to the fundamental role libraries play in the scholarly, civic and creative lives of scholars. The Scholarly Publishing Librarian reports to the Head of Scholarly Communication and works with a dynamic cohort of professionals who provide leadership and coordination for the Libraries' Scholarly Communication activities.

The successful candidate will:

- Work closely with departmental liaisons to identify and develop services to meet the evolving publishing needs of University researchers and scholars;
- Advocate for innovative and experimental models of scholarly publishing, and collaborate with departmental liaisons, information technologists, and the Digital Scholarship Studio and Network to develop tools and services to facilitate sustainable scholarly production;
- Investigate collaborative library publishing opportunities with University and external partners;
- Explore open access publishing platforms for University-created electronic journals, conference proceedings, capstone projects, literary magazines, scientific datasets, and other born-digital materials;
- Cultivate strategic alliances with University and external partners to advance open research and scholarship and to build capacity in the open research environment;
- Consult with copyright and intellectual property experts to assist University scholars with alternative publishing options and with understanding of publishing agreements and author's rights;
- Participate in state-wide and nationwide programs and communication efforts to promote innovative and sustainable models of scholarly publishing;
- Explore and develop alternative and sustainable funding models in support of open education, and provides open and affordable course content advocacy, outreach, and education across the disciplines;
- Coordinate with the University's Open Education Research Lab and SUNY OER Services to document open and affordable course content use on campus, calculate student savings, communicate benefits and impact to the broader university community, and facilitate research in the field of open education;
- Work with faculty and instructors, and with institutional repository administrators to facilitate preservation and ongoing access to University-created open educational content.

We are looking for skilled, passionate individuals to join us in making the University Libraries a center of energy and innovation on campus. You can expect to learn continuously in a rapidly changing academic landscape. We will help you be successful by providing professional development opportunities that will benefit you and the university. The University Libraries values diversity of thought, perspective, experience, and people and is actively committed to a culture of inclusion and respect. We encourage candidates who thrive in a welcoming multicultural environment to apply.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- Master's degree from an ALA-accredited program; degree requirement must be met at the time of application;
- Demonstrated experience with issues related to open educational resources, copyright, and open access publishing;
- Ability to articulate complex concepts, such as open education, open access publishing, and copyright to students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders;
- Demonstrated success in cultivating and developing collegial relationships with a diverse population of students, faculty, and staff;
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education with the ability to support and enhance a diverse learning and working environment;
- Excellent communication skills, demonstrated ability to work collaboratively, and strong service ethic.

### **Preferred Qualifications:**

- One or more years of experience providing OER or open access guidance;
- Experience preparing and delivering workshops and presentations focused on OER, open access publishing, and/or copyright-related topics;
- Experience with publishing tools, repository platforms, and software;
- Project management experience;
- Grant writing experience.

*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 in order to build a culturally diverse and pluralistic University community.*

### **Salary and Benefits:**

Salary – competitive.

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, vacation leave, sick leave, paid holidays, and several choices of retirement plans including TIAA.

### **To Apply:**

To be considered for this position, applicants must apply via the UBJobs Web site. At the time of hire, applicants must be authorized to work in the United States on a full-time basis for a period of at least two years. Applicants should describe their qualifications and experience in their cover letter with specific reference to the minimum qualifications of the position. We are currently accepting applications and anticipate filling this position by **June 1, 2020**. Candidates invited for a campus interview will be expected to give a short presentation to faculty and staff of the University Libraries.

## **The University at Buffalo**

A flagship institution in the State University of New York system and a member of the Association of American Universities, UB is the largest and most comprehensive campus in the 64-campus SUNY system. UB offers more than 400 academic programs – the largest menu of academic choices in New York State. UB provides students access to a rich variety of multicultural experiences and environments, both on campus and through our 80-plus study abroad programs. Our environmental programs, research centers, and institutes address local and global challenges and work to create a better tomorrow through sustainability. UB is among the top 10 colleges in the country for renewable energy use and in 2019, ranked No. 3 in climate action among 250 institutions world-wide. Our research, creative activity, and people positively impact the world.

Land acknowledgement: The University at Buffalo operates on the territory of the Seneca Nation, a member of the Haudenosaunee/Six Nations Confederacy. This territory is covered by The Dish with One Spoon Treaty of Peace and Friendship, a pledge to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It is also covered by the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua, between the United States Government and the Six Nations Confederacy, which further affirmed Haudenosaunee land rights and sovereignty in the State of New York. Today, this region is still the home to the Haudenosaunee people, and we are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and share ideas in this territory.

## **The University Libraries**

As the largest academic research library in the SUNY system, the University Libraries offer an outstanding array of information resources, technologies, services and people to support academic achievement. The Libraries play a vital role in the academic success of our students, the teaching and research of our faculty, and the intellectual pursuits of our alumni and community members. Our broad selection of digital and print resources, innovative services, and expert staff support scholarly and creative achievements in new and exciting ways.

## **The Buffalo Niagara Region**

The Buffalo Niagara region is a major metropolitan area with diverse communities and outstanding assets. Listed in U.S. News & World Report's *25 Best Affordable Places to Live in the U.S. in 2019*, Buffalo is on the rise and UB is proud to play an active part in its resurgence. Buffalo offers the amenities of a major urban area without the headaches. Friendly folks, quick commutes, charming neighborhoods and a low cost of living are among the perks of life in the region. Three international bridges connect the Buffalo Niagara region to Canada. Travel to the cosmopolitan city of Toronto is only 90 minutes by car. By air, we are less than an hour to New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.