

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

The University at Buffalo Libraries seek an exceptional and highly motivated [Scholarly Publishing Librarian](#) (**Senior Assistant Librarian**) to assist scholars with increasing the visibility and impact of their research and education agendas. 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 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.

This is a full-time, tenure track appointment requiring research, scholarship, and contributions to the profession in addition to core job duties. 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.

We invite individuals to apply whose perspectives and experiences will enrich and strengthen our organization. The library serves an increasingly diverse constituency of patrons, and our employees, services, collections, and policies should honor and reflect this diversity. 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 awareness of the challenges and opportunities for justice, diversity, inclusion, equity and access in staffing, services, collections, and physical spaces within the Libraries, the university, and in higher education;
- Demonstrated commitment to advancing justice, diversity, inclusion, and equity in organizations;
- 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;
- 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.

### **Salary and Outstanding Benefits:**

Salary – competitive.

Working at UB comes with benefits that exceed salary alone. There are personal rewards including comprehensive health and retirement plan options. We also focus on creating and sustaining a healthy mix of work, personal and academic pursuit - all in an effort to support your work-life effectiveness. Visit our [benefits website](#) to learn about our benefit packages.

**To be considered for this position**, applicants must apply via the [UBJobs](#) website. 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. In your cover letter, please highlight the most relevant qualifications you would bring to this position based on the posting, and tell us how your background, perspective, and experience will help us fulfill our mission and meet our goals. All candidates who are contacted by the search committee should be prepared to discuss how they see themselves contributing to the University's equity, diversity, and inclusion efforts. Candidates invited for a campus interview will be expected to give a short presentation to faculty and staff from the University Libraries. We are currently reviewing applications and anticipate filling this position by fall 2021. References will be contacted with advance notice.

**The University at Buffalo** is SUNY's most comprehensive public research university and an outstanding place to work. UB amplifies ambition for faculty and staff by offering endless possibilities to achieve more. Here, people from all backgrounds and cultures challenge and inspire each other to discover, learn and succeed. Dedicated staff and engaged faculty collaborate to further knowledge and understanding, and develop tenacious graduates who are valued for their talents and their impact on global society. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about the University at Buffalo.

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**The University Libraries**, SUNY's largest academic research library, 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** is a major metropolitan area with diverse communities and outstanding assets. 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 benefits 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.

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