

Data Services Librarian - University of Saskatchewan - Saskatoon, SK

University of Saskatchewan
University Library

Data Services Librarian – 3 year term position

The University Library at the University of Saskatchewan provides opportunities for professional growth and development in a dynamic and flexible work environment. We operate within a supportive campus community focused on innovation, collaboration and engagement. The library is strategically aligned with the University's vision focusing on the teacher learner experience; the research, scholar and practitioner interaction; building broad relationship and engagement opportunities. The library continually seeks to improve operational effectiveness with a strong focus on employee engagement.

Accountabilities of the Position

This position reports to the Head of the Murray Library Branch.

Librarians, as faculty, are assigned duties aligned with the practice of professional skills in the Library Standards for Promotion and Tenure (2003, as amended). Duties may cover the development of the collections, organizing collections, teaching information research skills, information services, information technology, administration, and research/scholarly work.

Practice of Professional Skills

The incumbent in this three year assignment will be responsible for the discovery, development, and analysis of numerical and statistical data collections and services, including marketing to the broad campus community. The successful candidate will provide research and liaison support to data users across campus, including librarian and IT colleagues. Additionally, the Data Services Librarian will serve as the main contact for relevant research centers and with ICPSR and DLI initiatives, ensuring that the University Library is current and active in the data community. The individual in this position will work closely with the GIS librarian in a Data/GIS unit providing a comprehensive program of data management, support, and services.

Additional duties may be assigned in related areas and/or for identified strategic priorities.

The University Library follows the liaison librarian model, which includes reference, instruction, and collections responsibilities to support on-site and distributed teaching, learning, and research. Under this structure the Data Services Librarian will be responsible for the following:

Development of the Collections

Select, develop, and promote resources that support the provision of data discovery and access to data sets.

Information Services

Provide in-depth consultation, reference, and information services for students, faculty, and researchers in the discovery and application of data to support research and teaching activities.

Teaching Information Research Skills

Develop, promote and deliver effective data research instruction programs for groups and individuals, including library staff, in the discovery and use of data resources. Liaise with instructors to integrate data literacy into the curricula of relevant courses and develop data subsets and other teaching tools to facilitate the use of data.

Research and Scholarship

While not a requirement of this appointment, research and scholarship is recognized as practice of professional skills and may be pursued as an outcome related to the work of this position.

Administration and Public Service

It is an expectation that all Librarians participate in collegial activities appropriate to their rank, and are encouraged to engage with academic or professional organizations.

Qualifications, Experience and Competencies

A Master of Library Science or equivalent degree from a university/institution recognized by the University of Saskatchewan is required. An undergraduate degree in a relevant science or social science discipline is preferred. Additional data experience or educational background in the use of data sets, applications, and software is preferred. Previous academic library experience would be an asset.

Candidates should also possess:

- Experience using statistical software packages such as SAS or SPSS, electronic government statistics and data, and the manipulation of datasets
- Knowledge of quantitative methods of data collection, extraction, and analysis
- Knowledge of current and emerging trends in data services, resources, software, and other library related information technologies
- An interest in pursuing a career in academic librarianship and an understanding of the educational mission of a research university
- Knowledge of trends in reference and research services, and the delivery of library and information services in the educational environment
- Strong analytical, organizational and customer service skills
- A commitment to continuing development of professional knowledge and skills
- Excellent listening, oral, and written communication skills
- Ability to lead and motivate people

Candidates must be able to:

- Effectively liaise with faculty and students and work collaboratively to achieve the library's relationships and engagement strategy
- Develop and manage collections in multiple formats
- Create and maintain online resources and services
- Work independently as well as in a collegial team environment
- Adapt and be flexible in a changing and dynamic environment

This is a three-year term position and specific duties are assigned annually by the Dean, University Library. Librarians as faculty are members of the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and for this position the initial starting salary is anticipated to be within the range of \$52,731 to \$57,000. Librarians enjoy an excellent benefits plan.

About the University Library

The University Library (library.usask.ca) is one of Canada's leading research libraries and, as such, is a member of the Association of Research Libraries and the Canadian Association of Research Libraries. In addition to its electronic services and seven campus locations, the library's 150 FTE faculty and staff serve over 27,000 U of S faculty, staff and students. The Murray Library broadly services the areas of Humanities, Social Sciences, Fine Arts and Business and is the largest of the seven libraries at the U of S. The Murray Library has a staff of 24 library assistants, 13 librarians and a number of student casual assistants who provide a variety of services including Special Collections; Data Services; Interlibrary Loan; Off-Campus support; and Circulation Services. A recent major initiative saw a transformation of the Murray Library to include a user-centered space to create an enhanced Learning Commons – a collaborative initiative of the library, the University Learning Centre, U of S Information Technology Services, and Disability Services for Students. In 2008 a Statistics Canada Research Data Centre (RDC) was established in the Murray Library. Discussions have begun for Phase 3 of the library transformation project that will see additional expansion and integrated services within the Murray Library building and planning is currently underway for an Academic Health Sciences Library as part of a new Academic Health Sciences Complex, with 2013 as the anticipated completion date.

The University Library Strategic Plan sets an ambitious program for the transformation of library resources, facilities and services, designed to ensure the library's continued growth and development over the course of the University's second century of development.

About the University of Saskatchewan and the City of Saskatoon

Having celebrated its centenary in 2007, the University of Saskatchewan (usask.ca) is one of the leading medical-doctoral universities 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 opening of a Canadian Light Source synchrotron, construction of an 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, and library buildings on campus are just some of the University's recent achievements. The University also boasts one of the most attractive campuses in the country.

Saskatoon (saskatoon.ca) is a city of approximately 220,000. It 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 community, and a high quality of life.

To Apply

The Search Committee comprises all Librarians holding probationary or tenured appointments within the 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 related to the position by February 22, 2010.

Please send applications to:
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3 Campus Drive
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Fax: 306-966-5932

Email: library.jobs@usask.ca

Confidential inquiries can be directed to Jill Mierke, Human Resources Manager

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All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University is committed to Employment Equity. Members of Designated Groups (women, aboriginal people, people with disabilities and visible minorities) are encouraged to self-identify on their applications.