Social Sciences Librarian

The Ohio State University (OSU) Libraries seeks a dynamic and self-motivated librarian for the position of Social Sciences Librarian. This tenure-track librarian has primary responsibility for providing user-centered services in support of teaching, research, and scholarship related to the departments of Anthropology, Economics, and the School of Communication. The librarian approaches delivery of services with creativity and innovation to align with the Libraries' Strategic Plan and to operate within the Engaged Librarian Framework.   Hallmarks of success will include building strong partnerships, deepening engagement, managing collections, and leveraging technology to collaborate with the world class and renowned faculties in these subject areas.

As a member of the Research Services Department, which leads the Libraries in creating new, engagement-centered service models based in cross-university partnerships, the Social Sciences Librarian will connect the Libraries' growing digital scholarship services offered through the Research Commons to a multifaceted faculty and student body, provide instruction that addresses information literacy in the digital age, partner with social scientists to advance cross-disciplinary collaboration, and engage with the issues of digital scholarship and data management.

Responsibilities:
Liaison
- Actively engage and communicate effectively with faculty, students, and staff in assigned areas, developing strong working relationships.
- Be knowledgeable and able to speak about a range of library issues, including scholarly communication, digital initiatives, the development of new online tools, copyright, data management, and the integration of information literacy skills into the curriculum.
- With support from the Libraries' Assessment Coordinator, assess user needs to develop and maintain relevant, high-quality services and collections.
- Analyze trends in departmental teaching and research programs, stay abreast of scholarship in the disciplines themselves, and use this knowledge to anticipate users' needs.
- Champion the library as an intellectual meeting place for programming, content, and inquiry.

Research Services
- Analyze and understand users' research and information needs to develop, refine, assess, and sustain research and information services and programs in all formats.
- Actively seek opportunities to foster interdisciplinary collaborations in the provision of research and information services across the campus.
- Provide research consultations for students and faculty members in social sciences disciplines and, as appropriate, with students and faculty aligned with the University's Discovery Themes- particularly Data Analytics.
- Continuously evaluate and assess research and information-related services.

Teaching and Learning
- Actively engage with faculty and graduate teaching assistants as partners in programmatically integrating information literacy concepts and skills into the curriculum.
- Collaborate in the design, implementation, and maintenance of online tools and services that meet the needs of discipline/interdisciplinary research communities.

- Understand and apply basic principles of instructional and assignment design, develop effective instructional materials and sessions in a variety of formats and provide alternative learning opportunities.
- Engage in reflective teaching through the use of instructional improvement tools available from the Libraries' Teaching & Learning Department and the university.

Scholarly Communication
- Understand the scholarly communication process, publishing models, and emerging trends in assigned disciplines.
- Understand and explain the principles behind open access publishing, institutional repositories, and authors' rights.
- Promote Ohio State University Libraries publishing partnership options.

Collection Development and Management
- Strategically select material in all formats to serve the current and future research, teaching, and learning needs in assigned subject areas.
- Broaden access to collections through digital project initiatives and actively acquire and promote both licensed and freely available digital resources of value to researchers, particularly related to data.
- Build on collections of distinction that may also serve regional, national and international users.
- Work effectively with colleagues to enhance acquisition, access, discovery, and use of library collections.

Required Qualifications:
- An ALA-accredited MLS or MLIS degree.
- Enthusiasm for engagement with Social Sciences faculty and students about their research, teaching, learning, and information needs.
- Bachelor's Degree in a Social Sciences discipline or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Desired Qualifications:
- Evidence of leadership potential, including excellent interpersonal and written skills and ability to perform in a complex, interdisciplinary team environment and to communicate with a wide range of constituencies.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills and a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively.
- Experience with emerging technologies and their application in libraries and higher education.
- Interest in professional development and research.

About OSU Libraries: A Driving Force for Change
The Ohio State University Libraries is a highly valued partner and campus leader in advancing discovery and learning for OSU, for the state of Ohio and for an ever expanding community of world scholars. Aligned with the University's vision to be the world's preeminent public comprehensive university, the Libraries advance student and faculty success by delivering distinctive content and fostering intellectual connections.

A world-class public research and comprehensive teaching university such as OSU demands a top research library and OSU Libraries is rising to eminence along with the rest of the University. The

Libraries, a leader among peers, is currently ranked in the top 10 among the public university members of the Association of Research Libraries, a reflection of the investment of the University. This ranking also places OSU Libraries within the top 20 of 126 ARL member libraries. The OSU Libraries is an essential charter member of OhioLINK, a consortium of 88 Ohio academic libraries and the State Library of Ohio and shares resources through that organization. The Libraries also enhances collections and services by participation in the CIC, the academic consortium of Big Ten institutions.

With this support and these partnerships, the OSU Libraries has turned its attention to rapid innovation to address the challenges of the evolving academic environment. Major renovation projects continue to enhance our spaces for collaborative and dynamic teaching, learning and research. An ambitious talent management plan is bringing new skills and reframing long held strengths. Increased investment in a wide variety of digital initiatives aims to revolutionize discovery and access anytime, anywhere to our vast and distinctive resources. Our impact reaches beyond our campus and extends the land-grant mission internationally. To learn more about the strategic plan under current implementation, visit: https://go.osu.edu/libraries_strategic_plan. For a snapshot of our ambitions for long-term growth and innovation, visit our fundraising Campaign statement: http://library.osu.edu/news/giving-to-the-libraries/.

Rank/Salary:
The position is a full-time, permanent, 12-month tenure-track faculty appointment and reports to the Head of Research Services. Salary and faculty rank are dependent on qualifications and experience.

Benefits:
The University offers competitive benefits in the form of 22 days' vacation, 15 days' sick leave, 10 holidays, hospitalization, major medical, surgical-medical, dental, vision, long-term disability insurance, and life insurance at 2.5 times one's annual salary. State and alternative retirement choices are also available. For a summary of benefits, see: https://go.osu.edu/benefits_summary.

Application:
Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Preference will be given to applications received by October 5, 2015. Please send cover letter, CV, references, and salary history and requirements to Kelly Rose at rose.900@osu.edu. Please include Social Sciences Librarian in the subject field.

Contact Information: Kelly Rose, Human Resources, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, OH 43210, 614-292-5917.

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