

Social Sciences Data and Economics Librarian

Reporting to the Head, Information, Research, and Instructional Services (IRIS), this position serves as the resource specialist data resources in the social sciences (excluding business) and as the subject librarian for economics, and possibly education, providing reference assistance, research discovery, and instruction for these areas.

Librarians in the IRIS Department provide a variety of services including reference desk, virtual reference services, research consultation, and instruction, and are responsible for much of the collection development for the social sciences. This position will play an important role in promoting and raising awareness of data services and strengthening the data component of reference services across the Libraries. The successful candidate must be innovative, creative, self-motivated, and service oriented.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The social sciences data and economics librarian will work with a team of librarians in a variety of subject areas to support students and faculty in identifying, evaluating, managing, and using quantitative, qualitative and spatial data; offers in-library consultation, instruction, and outreach services to university faculty and students with needs for data sets and resources. Trains and assists library staff in providing assistance for data materials.

Continually evaluates the department's reference collection of social science data resources; provides a perspective on digital preservation and archiving of data; collaborates with the library's technology staff to meet technology needs for data services; shares responsibility for providing quality reference/research services at the department's reference desk, including evening and weekend hours, and for providing library instruction to individuals, groups, and classes.

Works with the Data Manager, Social Sciences Infrastructure, in the College of Arts and Letters; serves as the liaison to the Departments of Economics & Econometrics and Economics & Policy Studies with responsibilities for all aspects of collection management and development including selection of information resources, faculty liaison, research consultation, and instruction.

As a member of the library faculty, participates on library and university committees and teams which examine complex issues and develop innovative services, including the data services team, the social sciences librarians team, and the Institutional Digital Repository group. S/he is expected to contribute to the profession through professional leadership and/or scholarship and to engage in continuing professional growth and development. The successful candidate will be encouraged to participate in professional development activities devoted to data librarianship.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required: ALA-accredited master's degree in library and information science; demonstrated active interest in quantitative and qualitative social science disciplines and strong desire to become familiar with the concepts, pedagogy, research, and scholarly communication trends relevant to assigned disciplines; demonstrated knowledge of numeric and spatial data resources, bibliographic and other information resources and tools pertinent to the social sciences; evidence of commitment to innovative and effective user-centered services; excellent oral written and presentation skills; demonstrated initiative and ability to work effectively in a highly collaborative, rapidly changing environment; evidence of potential to meet requirements for service, research, and creative achievement for promotion and continuing appointment.

Other qualifications include an awareness of current trends and emerging technologies in the delivery of data services in an academic library, experience in providing reference services in an academic library and demonstrated aptitude for teaching and developing user-oriented training and informational resources.

Preferred: Statistics coursework; demonstrated experience with using spatial and numeric data sets and with analytical data and software packages, such as GIS, SAS and/or SPSS; bachelor's degree in economics or a social science discipline; experience providing instruction and collection development/management in an academic library

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary and rank offered commensurate with experience and qualifications (minimum salary of \$40,000). Librarians are non-tenure track members of the faculty and earn 20 days vacation annually, plus University holidays including the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. The University offers an excellent benefits package.

ENVIRONMENT: The University of Notre Dame is a highly selective national Catholic teaching and research university, located in northern Indiana ninety miles from Chicago. Approximately 8,200 undergraduates and 3,100 graduate students pursue a broad range of studies. The Hesburgh Libraries house approximately 3 million volumes within the Hesburgh Library and seven branches and provide access to approximately 50,000 serials. The Libraries have a staff of 198 including 48 librarians. The University of Notre Dame is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer strongly committed to diversity. We value qualified candidates who can bring a variety of backgrounds to our community.

APPLICATIONS: Initial review of applications will begin on September 21, 2008 and continues until a successful candidate is chosen. Electronic submission of application documents is strongly encouraged. Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of three references to:

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