Simon Fraser University Library invites applications for a Digital Scholarship Librarian. Reporting to the Head of the Research Commons and based in the Research Commons at the W.A.C. Bennett Library, Burnaby campus, this full-time continuing position will support SFU faculty, graduate students, and other researchers across the three SFU campuses and beyond.

In close collaboration with departmental and functional librarians, the Digital Scholarship Librarian will expand delivery of Research Commons programs and services targeted to faculty and will assess their effectiveness. The incumbent will assist researchers in identifying appropriate tools and technologies to meet research and publication needs and will provide specialized information services related to scholarly publishing, research impact, and research metrics. Working closely with the Library’s existing Digital Scholarship Librarian, the incumbent will plan, implement, and promote scholarly communications services and will continue to increase campus awareness of author rights, open access, and new and existing open access funding mandates.

This position will be attractive to an adaptable individual with excellent communication and collaborative skills and a user-centered focus. It will appeal to someone who has experience in academic libraries and knowledge of scholarly communication, bibliometrics, and other research impact measures. It will also appeal to an individual who is highly motivated to provide innovative and responsive services to faculty and other researchers.

SETTING:

Ranked by respected national surveys as one of Canada’s top three comprehensive universities for the past 20 years, Simon Fraser University has also been consistently named one of British Columbia’s Top Employers in recent years, as well as one of Canada’s Top 100 employers, and one of Canada's top family-friendly employers. SFU offers more than 100 undergraduate major and joint major programs and more than 45 graduate offerings, spanning many disciplines in eight faculties, and has an international reputation for its innovative interdisciplinary and professional programs. The main WAC Bennett Library is located on the Burnaby campus, while the Samuel and Frances Belzberg Library is on the Vancouver campus, and Fraser Library is at SFU Surrey.

The SFU Library is known for the development and implementation of innovative technology, leadership in Open Access, and excellent in-person and online user services. We serve an ethnically diverse student population, most of whom live off-campus and work part-time while attending university. For more information, see our web site at http://www.lib.sfu.ca/

SFU Library’s Research Commons embodies SFU’s articulated strengths – student-centred, research-driven, and community-engaged – by providing programs, services and spaces to support SFU faculty,
graduate students, and other researchers at all stages of the research process. It is located in the Bennett Library at SFU Burnaby, reaching all campuses, and beyond, through virtual programs, services and connections.

ASSIGNMENT:

- Plan, develop, and coordinate the delivery of a suite of programs and services targeted to faculty
- Conduct ongoing assessment of programming and services within the portfolio
- Provide specialized information services in the area of bibliometrics, research impact measures, and researcher profiling systems (e.g. ORCID, ResearcherID)
- Collaborate with and provide support to administrative units and faculties to determine their need for bibliometrics
- As a member of a team, plan, implement, and promote scholarly communication services with faculty, students and other applicable campus units (grants facilitators, VP Research, Office of Research Services, Ethics, Teaching and Learning Centre, etc.)
- Work with colleagues across Library divisions (e.g. Special Collections, Digital Publishing) to increase campus awareness of SFU Library’s scholarly publishing services (OA Fund, Scholarly Digitization Fund, Public Knowledge Project, Summit, etc.)
- Track current issues and trends in bibliometrics and scholarly communication
- Participate on Library project teams and committees
- Develop professional knowledge and skills on a continuing basis
- Advance the values and goals outlined in the Library’s Strategic Plan
- Other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required:

- MLIS or equivalent from an ALA-accredited institution
- Minimum of two years of professional academic library experience
- Experience in planning, coordinating, and implementing new programs and services
- Knowledge of bibliometrics and other research impact measures (publication counts, citation counts, altmetrics, h-index, journal or discipline normalized metrics, other index metrics)
- Knowledge of and experience with researcher profiling systems (e.g. ORCID, ResearcherID)
- Understanding of the issues and critiques related to appropriate use of bibliometric tools
- Understanding of scholarly communication and publishing issues and trends
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written, with a demonstrated ability to facilitate understanding across disciplines
- Demonstrated ability to excel in a highly collaborative and changing environment
- Commitment to engage in research and continued professional development
- Experience providing library services to faculty and graduate students in a research-intensive institution
- Superior interpersonal and intercultural skills
- Superior critical thinking and analytical skills
Desired:

- Knowledge and awareness of funding and research grant lifecycles
- Experience with assessment
- Knowledge and/or experience with digital humanities
- Experience with mathematical and statistical methods associated with bibliometrics
- Experience with bibliometric software such as InCites and SciVal
- Familiarity with scholarly publishing software and digital collections platforms such as OJS, OMP, Islandora

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT
This is a full time continuing librarian position, beginning October 2017.

Librarians and Division Heads are members of the SFU Faculty Association. Terms, conditions and benefits of employment are outlined in the Collective Agreement: http://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/faculty-relations/home/CA.pdf

The successful applicant will be appointed at a salary level commensurate with his or her experience and qualifications. Current SFU Librarian salary scales can be viewed here. http://www.sfu.ca/content/dam/sfu/faculty-relations/collective-agreement/July%201%2C%202017%20Salary%20Scale%20Increases.pdf

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Simon Fraser University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from qualified candidates of all genders, including visible minorities, persons of Aboriginal heritage, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ-identified persons.

Under the authority of the University Act, personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competitions will be collected. For further details see: http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/faculty_openings/Collection_Notice.html

TO APPLY

To be given assured consideration applications must be submitted by email in one consolidated PDF document with cover letter, curriculum vitae and three references by 10 September 2017 to:

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