Simon Fraser University Library invites applications for a GIS / Map Librarian. This 80% FTE, term position will be based in the Research Commons at the W.A.C. Bennett Library, Burnaby campus, and also supports users of the Vancouver and Surrey campus libraries.

Reporting to the Head, Research Commons, the incumbent will plan, coordinate, and provide research and teaching services in the use of geospatial and non-geospatial data and map resources to researchers across disciplines and will be responsible for the management of the map collection. The GIS / Map Librarian will engage with the broader geospatial community at the local, national, and international levels. The incumbent will also provide liaison services, including reference, collections, scholarly communication, and instructional support to students and faculty in the Department of Geography.

This position will be attractive to a very adaptable and innovative individual with excellent communication and collaborative skills and a user-centered focus; one who is highly motivated to embrace new technologies and to provide services to faculty and students.

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 library, W.A.C. Bennett Library, is located on the Burnaby campus, while the Samuel and Frances Belzberg Library is at 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/.

ASSIGNMENT:

- Assist in planning, developing, and coordinating the delivery of a suite of in-person and online geospatial literacy and maps-focused programs and services.
- Continually review and assess GIS / map-related software, systems, and/or services for use in the Research Commons and by the general SFU community.
Co-ordinate the procurement, implementation, and ongoing support of GIS / map-related software, systems, and/or services for use in the Research Commons and by the general SFU community.

Act as liaison between the SFU Library and the faculty, staff, and students in the Department of Geography:
- Promote library services and collections and report the discipline's requirements to the appropriate area of the Library;
- Provide research skills instruction to the Department;
- Communicate with Geography faculty and students about trends in scholarly communication and publishing, and promote the Library's programs in this area;
- In collaboration with the Collections Management Office, select materials from approval plan shipments and approval plan forms, order materials within guidelines, and provide support for other collection activities in the named areas.

Provide instruction and assistance to students and faculty in the use of GIS / map-related information sources through instructional seminars, guides, and individual consultations.

Provide in-person and online reference service in all disciplines as a member of a team serving students and faculty in an active research environment.

Advance the values and goals outlined in the Library’s Strategic Plan.

Work with other library staff on project teams and committees.

Develop professional knowledge and skills on a continuing basis.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required:
- MLS or equivalent from an ALA-accredited institution.
- Knowledge of and expertise with the use of geospatial data and GIS software packages.
- Experience in liaison librarianship or in related professional activities.
- A demonstrated commitment to and success in consultative and joint coordination and teamwork, as well as the ability to achieve consensus among differing viewpoints.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Superior interpersonal and intercultural skills.
- Experience providing library services to graduate students in a research-intensive institution.
- Demonstrated ability to assist students and faculty from a variety of disciplines in a busy research environment.
- Broad knowledge of bibliographic tools and electronic resources for humanities and/or social sciences disciplines.
- Superior problem-solving skills with an attention to detail.
- Demonstrated ability to learn and apply new technologies.

Preferred:
- Educational background relevant to geography, GIS and maps.
- Expertise with non-spatial data resources, and statistical software packages.
- Experience with qualitative analysis software (e.g. NVivo, Atlas.ti).
- Experience with Esri ArcGIS and QGIS.
- Reference and collections experience in one or more science, humanities, or social science disciplines.
- Experience in planning and implementing new programs and services.
- Broad knowledge of bibliographic tools and trends and electronic resources in Geography.
- Experience with education technologies and software.
TERMS OF APPOINTMENT:

This is a one-year 80% FTE Term Librarian position, beginning February 2018.

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. 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 3 December 2017 to:

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