SFU LIBRARY

(Term) Research Data Librarian

Simon Fraser University Library invites applications for a 1-year term position of Research Data Librarian. Reporting to the Associate Dean of Libraries, Digital Strategy, the incumbent will join two other librarians working in this area and play an important part in the Library’s RDM (Research Data Management) services.

SETTING
We acknowledge the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Úxwumíxw (Squamish), x̱̓məθkw̓əy̓əm (Musqueam), sal̓ilwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), ʔic̓áy̓ (Katzie), and kʷik̓ʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem) peoples, on whose traditional territories Simon Fraser University's three campuses stand. By recognizing the Unceded Traditional Coast Salish territories, we aspire to create space for reconciliation through dialogue and decolonizing practices.

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. SFU Library collaborates broadly with other institutions through membership in the Canadian Association of Research Libraries, the Association of Research Libraries, and regional consortia. For more information, see our web site at https://www.lib.sfu.ca.

The SFU Library commits to a continuous process of transformation to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion and to serve the cause of social justice. The Library’s Statement on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion provides more information.

ASSIGNMENT
- Under the direction of the Associate Dean of Libraries, Digital Strategy, and in collaboration with members of the Data Services team, provide research data services to researchers through consultations and workshops;
- Assist in the development of institutional policies and procedures related to research data management;
- Work with users to devise and implement strategies for long-term data curation;
- Assist researchers with writing data management plans;
- Work with colleagues in the Library and across related campus research units to educate SFU researchers about data management best practices and funder and/or publisher requirements;
- Encourage informed data deposit in appropriate research data repositories or disciplinary platforms;
- Mentor colleagues through training and development;
- Hire, supervise, and mentor a group of graduate student employees in the planning and delivery of workshops as well as individual consultations through the Research Commons, on specific research programming tools and open science (e.g., R, Python, Git);
- Collaborate with librarians in regular communication and review of services to departments and faculties;
- Maintain a collection of Library web guides that serve as a brief introduction to research data management;
- Liaise with Library Systems staff regarding technical support for RDM platforms;
• Work with library staff on project teams and committees;
• Maintain currency with developments and best practices in the profession and in the fields of research data management, and participate in relevant professional associations, conferences, workshops and other events;
• Advance the values and goals outlined in the Library's Strategic Plan.
• Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS
Required:
• Master's degree in Library or Information Studies from an ALA accredited program, or its equivalent;
• Ability to recognize, respect and work effectively with individuals and groups with diverse perspectives and backgrounds;
• Excellent interpersonal and intercultural communication skills, both orally and written.

Desired:
• Second advanced degree in a data-intensive discipline;
• Experience working in RDM, data services, digitization, digital curation or digital preservation;
• Experience with developing or working with data management plans;
• Experience with the research and publishing workflows and lifecycles;
• Experience with platforms used to manage research data, e.g. FRDR, Dataverse, Islandora.
• Experience organizing workshops and supervising graduate student instructors.

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT
This is a full time 1-year Librarian position, beginning August 11, 2020. Librarians 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 Librarian salary level commensurate with their experience and qualifications. Current salary scales are available from: https://www.sfu.ca/faculty-relations/salary.html

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, visible minorities, persons of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis heritage, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ2SIA+ 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

Information about what to expect when you apply for a librarian position at SFU is available here: https://www.lib.sfu.ca/about/overview/employment/what-expect-librarian-position

TO APPLY
To be given assured consideration applications must be submitted by email in one consolidated PDF document with cover letter and curriculum vitae by 9 a.m PDT on July 27 to:
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