Simon Fraser University Library invites applications for the position of Research Data Librarian. Reporting to the Head, Research Commons and based at the W.A.C. Bennett Library, Burnaby campus, this full-time, continuing position will support SFU faculty, students, and other users across the three SFU campuses. The Research Data Librarian will have a close working relationship with colleagues on the Research Data Management team, librarians based in the Research Commons and Library Systems, as well as with departmental librarians. The incumbent will also collaborate with researchers and staff beyond the Library who work with research data or support its use throughout the phases of the data lifecycle.

The Research Data Librarian will actively contribute to the continued development of policies, procedures and best practices for research data acquisition, access, management, and curation. They will undertake a range of project-based and operational activities that will advance SFU Library’s strategic objectives. This position will appeal to a highly flexible, collaborative, and innovative individual, committed to providing the best possible service 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 programs, 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, exemplified by its role as the home for several major open source software projects – the Public Knowledge Project (PKP) and Radar, SFU’s local research data management platform using Islandora and Archivematica. The Library also provides leadership in Open Access, and maintains 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, Compute Canada, and regional consortia. For more information, see our web site at http://www.lib.sfu.ca/
ASSIGNMENT:

- Under the direction of the Head, Research Commons, provide research data services to researchers through instruction and consultation;
- Assist in the development of policy and procedure related to data management;
- Work with users to devise and implement strategies for long-term data curation;
- Solicit feedback from researchers about data management needs;
- Work with colleagues in the Library and across campus to educate SFU researchers about data management best practices and funder and/or publisher requirements;
- Encourage informed data deposit in SFU Library’s research data repository (Radar) and in other disciplinary platforms as appropriate;
- Assist researchers with writing data management plans;
- Mentor colleagues through training and development;
- Collaborate with librarians in regular communication and review of services to departments and faculties;
- Liaise with Library Systems staff regarding technical support for Radar;
- 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:

- MLS, MAS, or equivalent from an ALA-accredited institution;
- Experience with research data services in an academic setting throughout the research lifecycle;
- Familiarity with related areas such as intellectual property, research ethics, and scholarly publishing;
- Familiarity with research programming, statistical packages, and related software (e.g. Git, R, Python, SPSS, etc.);
- Knowledge of policies and procedures related to research data management and curation, including preservation, retrieval, and managing access to sensitive data;
- Demonstrated experience providing outreach, consultation, and instruction to a range of audiences;
- Knowledge of research data management infrastructure (e.g. Achivematica, Dataverse, Islandora, etc.), preservation, data formats and migration, discovery and access;
- Knowledge of relevant metadata standards (e.g. DC, DDI);
- Excellent organizational, analytical, and communication skills;
- Demonstrated initiative and flexibility in managing projects both independently and collaboratively;
- Experience working collegially and cooperatively in a rapidly changing team environment;
- Familiarity with current trends in post-secondary education and academic library services;
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity.
TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

This position is a full-time continuing Librarian position based at W.A.C Bennett Library, beginning April 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 25 March 2018 to:

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