INSTRUCTION LIBRARIAN AND LIBRARIAN FOR INTERACTIVE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLISHING
(TEMPORARY, PART TIME)

Simon Fraser University Library invites applications for a temporary, 0.8 FTE dual position of Instruction Librarian (0.4 FTE) and Librarian for Interactive Arts & Technology (SIAT) and Publishing (0.4 FTE). As the Instruction Librarian based at Bennett Library (SFU Burnaby) in the Learning and Instruction division, the incumbent will be a member of a team that supports information literacy instruction, taking the lead coordinating instruction for key lower-division programming. Additionally, based at Fraser Library (SFU Surrey) they will collaborate with the continuing Librarian for SIAT and Publishing and together will provide the faculty, staff, and students research, instruction, and collections support.

The successful candidate will move forward strategic initiatives related to the Library’s Instruction Strategy, will be guided by the Library’s Strategic Plan, and will promote library services and advocate for resources and services for their relevant areas of responsibility. This position will be attractive to an individual with excellent communication and collaborative skills and who has a strong commitment to learner and user-centered approaches.

SETTING

We acknowledge the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh Óxwumíxw (Squamish), x̌ум̓aθək̓ʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), sə̓l̓ílwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), qiíc̓ay̓ (Katzie), and kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (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 75 graduate offerings, spanning many disciplines in eight faculties, and has an international reputation for its innovative interdisciplinary and professional programs. The main W.A.C. 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

- Advance the values and goals outlined in the Library’s Strategic Plan;
- Incorporate SFU Library’s commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonial practices into all planning and activities;
- In collaboration with a colleague, act as a co-liaison between the SFU Library and the faculty, staff, and students in SIAT and Publishing:
  - Provide subject-specific research services for faculty and students, including strategic curriculum-integrated instruction and research consultations;
  - Engage in strategic collection development and assessment on an ongoing basis;
  - Proactively promote, plan, and advocate for resources and services relevant to the departments;
  - Communicate and collaborate with co-liaison to ensure coordinated support for both SIAT and Publishing portfolios;
- Act as lead coordinator of lower-division programing instruction and collaborate with the Teaching & Learning librarian and other colleagues to advance library instruction initiatives:
  - Communicate with SFU instructors (primarily in Fraser International College and Foundations of Academic Literacy) and L&I staff regarding library instructional content, delivery, and scheduling;
  - Participate directly in delivery of library instruction and provide support for L&I staff who deliver instruction;
  - Develop new and revise existing instructional materials, including online library tutorials and modules;
  - In collaboration with the Teaching and Learning Librarian, liaise with teaching focused campus units, collaborate on programming, and participate on related committees;
  - Support an instructional community of practice within the library;
- Develop professional knowledge, skills, and disciplinary expertise on a continuing basis;
- Collegially contribute to the library, the university, and the profession.

QUALIFICATIONS

A Master’s degree in Library and Information Studies from an ALA accredited program, or its equivalent, is a required qualification for this position. Additional qualifications are:

- Knowledge of best practices and trends in information literacy;
- Experience with planning and delivering instruction, with a focus on learner-centered pedagogy and reflective teaching practices;
- Demonstrated ability to assist students and faculty from a variety of disciplines in a busy research environment;
- Familiarity with trends in scholarly communication and knowledge of collections practices;
- Evidence of proactive approaches to collaboration and relationship building with colleagues and community;
- Strong competence in recognizing, respecting and working effectively with individuals and groups with diverse perspectives and backgrounds;
• Ability to work in a complex environment by establishing priorities and maintaining a balance between short and long-term goals;
• Ability to clearly articulate and contextualize the information ecosystem in the provision of research and learning support;
• Knowledge of equitable, accessible, and decolonial practices in a library environment;
• Excellent interpersonal and intercultural communication skills, both orally and written.

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

This is a 0.8 FTE, term librarian position, with an anticipated start date of August 28, 2023 and end date of August 31, 2024.

Librarians and Division Heads are members of the SFU Faculty Association. Terms, conditions and benefits of employment are outlined in the Collective Agreement: https://www.sfu.ca/faculty-relations/collectiveagreement.html

The successful applicant will be appointed at a 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, racialized persons, persons of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis heritage, persons with disabilities, and persons who identify as LGBTQ2SIA+.

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 August 2, 2023 to:

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