Simon Fraser University Library invites applications for a librarian and member of the Data Services Team. Reporting to the Head, Research Commons and based at the W.A.C. Bennett Library, this full-time, term position will support SFU faculty, students, and other researchers across SFU campuses. The librarian will have primary responsibility for GIS/Maps and liaison with the Department of Geography in year one of the term. The incumbent’s focus will shift to research data services responsibilities in year 2. The candidate will maintain a close working relationship with colleagues based in the Research Commons and Library Systems, as well as with departmental librarians. The incumbent 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 developing their professional knowledge and skills on a continuing basis and 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 (subject to change):

**Year 1 GIS / Maps / Liaison for Geography**

- 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 consultations and information and data literacy instruction to faculty and student researchers;
o Communicate with Geography faculty and students about trends in scholarly communication and publishing, and promote the Library's programs in this area;
o In collaboration with Collections, select and de-accession materials within guidelines, and provide support for other collection activities;
- Assist in planning, developing, and coordinating the delivery of a suite of in-person and online geospatial literacy and maps-focused programs and services, including supervision of one or more graduate peers;
- 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;
- Provide instruction and assistance to students and faculty in the use of GIS / map-related information sources through instructional seminars, guides, and individual consultations;
- Other duties as assigned.

Year 2 Research Data Services
- Under the direction of the Head, Research Commons, and in concert with members of the Data Services Team, 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 and in other disciplinary platforms as appropriate;
- Provide instruction in and assist researchers with locating and assessing data and statistics, including census data and government publications;
- 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;
- Develop and deliver instruction related to research data management;
- Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required
- MLS, or equivalent from an ALA-accredited institution;
- Experience in liaison librarianship or in related professional activities with preferred experience or educational background in Geography and/or GIS;
- Knowledge of research data management services and infrastructure, preservation, data formats, discovery and access, and metadata standards;
- Demonstrated ability to learn and apply new technologies;
- Demonstrated experience providing outreach, consultation, and instruction to a range of audiences;
- 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.
Preferred:
- Reference and collections experience in one or more science, humanities, or social science disciplines;
- 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);
- Familiarity with statistical and data sources;
- Knowledge of policies and procedures related to research data management and curation, including preservation, retrieval, and managing access to sensitive data.

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

This position is a fulltime, term librarian position based at W.A.C Bennett Library, beginning September 2018 – May 2020.

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 9:00 am 19 July 2018 to:

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