The University of Oklahoma

SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

Position Available:

Assistant Professor, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Oklahoma.

The School of Library and Information Studies at University of Oklahoma invites nominations and applications for a tenure-track faculty position to begin fall 2011 at the rank of Assistant Professor. The successful candidate will have responsibility for research, teaching, and service at the graduate and undergraduate levels and will be based at the University of Oklahoma’s Norman campus.

The mission of OU SLIS is to provide excellence in education, preparing leaders for a diverse, highly technological, knowledge-based global society; to engage in research and creative activities that generate new knowledge and applications for effective practice and that foster interdisciplinary approaches to address information challenges; and to meet the complex information needs of society through public and professional service. The School’s research, teaching, and creative activities focus on applications of information and communications technologies, services to multicultural populations with special emphasis on Native Americans, and comprises four core areas of emphasis: Organizational Development and Management, Content Management, Access to Knowledge Structures, and Information Technology.

The School has three degree programs: an ALA-accredited master’s degree in library and information studies (MLIS); a master of science in knowledge management (MSKM), and a bachelor of arts in information studies (BAIS). Faculty members are located on two campuses, the main campus in Norman, and at the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa. Courses are delivered on site at both locations, via video and online. All three programs are, or will be available online. Further information about the School is located at: www.ou.edu/cas/slis.

Position Description:
The School seeks an individual to conduct research, provide teaching, and engage in service activities in, but not limited to, OU SLIS’s Access to Knowledge Structures core area of emphasis. This core area addresses professional competences for promoting and strengthening information literacy, instruction, sources and collections, and services for information users of all types, including information users in public, school, academic, and special libraries as well as those in corporate environments. The faculty position is a nine-month appointment and includes teaching at the School’s main sites in Norman and Tulsa (as well other instructional sites when needed), using a range of synchronous and asynchronous modalities at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Required Qualifications:
Requirements for the position include a doctoral degree (completed or nearly completed) in library and information science or a related field, a record of published
research or demonstrated research potential, the ability to work with multiple internal and external constituencies, and the ability to teach within the Access to Knowledge Structures area of the OU SLIS curriculum.

Preferred qualification:
Experience or demonstrated ability in design and delivery of courses in a variety of formats, including distance-learning modes, is preferred.

Salary:
The salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University of Oklahoma offers an excellent benefits program.

Position available:
August 16, 2011. Screening of applicants will begin immediately. Applications will be considered until positions are filled.

Application:
Send letter of application including a statement of research interest, curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference to:

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The University of Oklahoma is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.