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 2012 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, information-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 ethical use of information, intellectual freedom, open access, applications of information and communications technologies, and services to diverse populations with special emphasis on Native Americans. OU SLIS offers specialized tracks in traditional library settings and supports the development of skills, knowledge, and attitudes required in information agencies and in positions of information management, storage, organization, access, and use within profit and not-for-profit institutions.

The School has two degree programs: an ALA-accredited master’s degree in library and information studies (MLIS) 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. Both programs are available online. Further information about the School is located at: www.ou.edu/cas/slis.

Position Description:

As the only American Library Association accredited Master’s of Library and Information Studies program in Oklahoma, OU SLIS has the unique privilege and the ethical responsibility to educate future school librarians and youth information specialists who are prepared to establish and uphold a culture that values reading, information literacy, technological fluency, and inquiry. The multidisciplinary faculty of OU SLIS believes school and youth services librarians are necessary for children and adolescents to be successful inside and outside of the classroom, now and in the future. Therefore the School is seeking an individual whose research, teaching, and service fosters and promotes formal and lifelong learning and contributes to the educational, professional, and personal success of the youth in our society. The ideal candidate will
also possess understanding of the issues youth encounter living in a digital, socially-connected society and be interested in contributing further to the profession’s knowledge of 21st Century literacies (e.g. multiliteracies and converging technologies, and social media use).

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 and develop courses related to library and information services for youth.

Preferred qualifications:
Experience or demonstrated ability in the design and delivery of courses in a variety of formats, including distance-learning modes is preferred. Additionally knowledge of and/or experience in the application of the American Association of School Librarians and/or the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Standards are 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, 2012. Screening of applicants will begin immediately. Applications will be considered until the position is filled.

Application:
Send application materials including letter of application, a statement of research interest, curriculum vitae, and three letters of reference via email to: Cecelia Brown (cbrown@ou.edu) with a copy to Jenifer Fryar (jfryar@ou.edu).

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The University of Oklahoma is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer and encourages diversity in the workplace. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.