Mary P. Key Diversity Resident  
Digital Research Services Librarian for the Sciences

The Ohio State University (OSU) Libraries seeks a dynamic, user-oriented, self-motivated librarian for the position of Mary P. Key Diversity Resident. OSU Libraries two-year Mary P. Key Diversity Residency Program is designed to provide mentorship through a successful transition from academic training to research librarianship, to provide the opportunity for hands-on exposure in most areas of the University Libraries’ operations, and to increase diversity from underrepresented groups for academic librarianship and The Ohio State University Libraries. The program provides professional development in a nurturing, yet productive, real world environment at one of the top 10 public university libraries in the country. The Resident will be encouraged to participate in selected workshops, conferences, institutes, and committees and develop a robust portfolio of engagement at the start of their library career.

During 2014-2016, the Resident will serve as a Digital Research Services Librarian for the Research Services program which leads the Libraries in creating new, engagement-centered research service models based in cross-university partnerships, user-oriented assessment, and long-standing success in advancing information literacy. As a member of the Research Services team, the Resident will connect the Libraries’ growing digital scholarship services through the Research Commons and beyond to a multifaceted faculty and student body, provide instruction that addresses scientific information literacy in the digital age, partner with scientists to advance information management across the research life-cycle, and engage with the issues of digital scholarship in the sciences. The Resident will work collaboratively with colleagues across the Libraries to support the academic community in areas ranging from GIS, to data management, digital publishing, interdisciplinary research, and e-research. Positioned at the crossroads between disciplines, resources, and services, this position will support the University’s efforts to transform scholarship and solve problems of worldwide significance.

The successful candidate will have a strong background in a scientific discipline. Preference will be given to applicants who have education or experience in areas that are relevant to the University’s Discovery Theme of Energy and Environment (http://discovery.osu.edu/theme-areas/energy-and-environment/). The Resident will enrich the support the Libraries offers to the groundbreaking research taking place at one of the world’s most prominent research institutions.

Responsibilities:

- Serve as library liaison to several relevant academic departments and interdisciplinary centers.
- Engage with science faculty to support digital scholarship and research.
- Develop and deliver instruction on discovering information resources in the sciences.
- Select library print and electronic resources to support growing areas of the sciences.
- Collaborate with library colleagues to promote digital research services that support teaching, research and learning.
- Contribute to the University’s efforts to ensure early and continued student achievement through participation in the First Year Experience and Second-year Transformational Experience programs, especially in ways that engage students early in research.
- Serve on selected library committees.
- Begin development of a research agenda that will contribute to an area of scholarship.

Required Qualifications:
• Master’s degree in Library/Information Science from an ALA-accredited program with a focus on current trends in digital research.
• Degree in a science discipline.
• Experience with current and emerging digital technologies.
• Excellent interpersonal, oral, written and collaboration skills for communicating with a wide range of constituencies.
• Interest in professional development and research.

Preferred Qualifications:

• Evidence of leadership potential, including excellent interpersonal skills and ability to perform in a complex and interdisciplinary team environment.
• Demonstrated understanding of the educational mission of a research university and its role in valuing and nurturing demographic and intellectual diversity.
• Internship, work experience, or practicum in a research-oriented environment.
• Experience with geospatial information systems.
• Enthusiasm for engaging faculty and students in issues relevant to discovering, using, and generating information.
• An effective grasp of key issues relevant to knowledge creation and dissemination in the sciences.

About the Appointment

This is a full-time, two year visiting faculty (non-tenure track) position. As a Visiting Faculty member, the resident is strongly encouraged to engage in professional research and publication. The Resident will provide a faculty annual report as well as periodic reports to the Diversity Committee to track progress on established objectives. Salary is commensurate based on qualifications and experience.

OSU Libraries: A Driving Force for Change

The Ohio State University Libraries is a highly valued partner and campus leader in advancing discovery and learning for OSU, for the state of Ohio and for an ever expanding community of world scholars. Aligned with the University’s vision to be the world’s preeminent public comprehensive university, the Libraries advance student and faculty success by delivering distinctive content and fostering intellectual connections.

A world-class public research and comprehensive teaching university such as OSU demands a top research library and OSU Libraries is rising to eminence along with the rest of the University. The Libraries, a leader among peers, is currently ranked in the top 10 among the public university members of the Association of Research Libraries, a reflection of the investment of the University. This ranking also places OSU Libraries within the top 20 of 126 ARL member libraries. The OSU Libraries is an essential charter member of OhioLINK, a consortium of 88 Ohio academic libraries and the State Library of Ohio and shares resources through that organization. The Libraries also enhances collections and services by participation in the CIC, the academic consortium of Big Ten institutions.

With this support and these partnerships, the OSU Libraries has turned its attention to rapid innovation to address the challenges of the evolving academic environment. Major renovation projects continue to
enhance our spaces for collaborative and dynamic teaching, learning and research. An ambitious talent management plan is bringing new skills and reframing long held strengths. Increased investment in a wide variety of digital initiatives aims to revolutionize discovery and access anytime, anywhere to our vast and distinctive resources. Our impact reaches beyond our campus and extends the land-grant mission internationally. To learn more about the strategic plan under current implementation, visit: http://go.osu.edu/OSU-Libraries-Strategic-Plan-2011-2016. For a snapshot of our ambitions for long-term growth and innovation, visit our fundraising Campaign statement: http://library.osu.edu/news/giving-to-the-libraries/.

Join Us

Nominations or applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Preference will be given to applications received by July 11, 2014. Please send a letter of interest addressing how your qualifications meet the requirements of the position along with a current resume and name, address, phone, salary history and requirements, and email address of three references to rose.900@osu.edu.

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