Geospatial Information Librarian

The Geospatial Information Librarian is a forward-focused individual who will establish and grow the Libraries' GIS services program. This librarian will be an expert in applying geospatial concepts and techniques to the research agendas of faculty and students, will manage the Geology Library, maintaining strong relationships with faculty and students in the School of Earth Sciences, and will enhance curricula and research innovation across the University relating to spatial and visual thinking. The librarian will design and deliver consulting services to faculty and students using spatial data in a wide range of units across the University, and will collaborate with units already providing GIS consulting. In addition, the librarian will work closely with Data Management Services Librarian, the Digital Humanities Librarian, the Head of Digital Initiatives, and others to increase understanding of geospatial and data issues pertaining to research and teaching throughout the Libraries and on campus at large. The librarian will be responsible for acquiring, developing, and curating geospatial data collections and for leveraging research software and technology resources to enhance course development and research innovation.

Responsibilities:
- Develop a robust GIS Program based on analysis of constituent needs throughout the University.
- Market and promote the GIS Program in context of other value-added services provided by the Libraries.
- Support data visualization activities by promoting techniques associated with specialized, evolving data visualization tools for spatial applications.
- Lead and supervise the Geology Library staff and ensure the Library's effectiveness in operations, service, and outreach.
- Serve as liaison to the School of Earth Sciences and the Department of Geography.
- Develop collections in geology and geoscience disciplines and provide discipline-specific instruction.
- Oversee the maps collections of the OSU Libraries in all formats and in all locations.
- Engage with other campus units with geospatial and statistical services such as the Center for Mapping and the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis.
- Collaborate with the Undergraduate Research Office, the Honors and Scholars Program, the CSTW (Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing), in order to promote the GIS Program for student research projects.
- Work closely with Data Management Services Librarian, the Digital Humanities Librarian, the Head of Digital Initiatives, and others to increase understanding of geospatial and data issues pertaining to research and teaching throughout the Libraries and on campus at large.
- Build on OSUL's strength in instruction and classroom engagement to promote curricular enhancements focused on spatial and visual thinking across the University.
- Represent the Libraries at consortial and other meetings concerning geospatial data issues.

Required Qualifications:
- An ALA-accredited MLS or MLIS degree.
- A degree in a science discipline.
- Experience with GIS software and its applications in research and teaching.
- Knowledge of the organization of information and of scholarship in the geoscience disciplines.

Desired Qualifications:
- Experience with maps.
- Experience with collection development in geology and geography and in the specialized formats required by those disciplines.
- Experience developing a multifaceted program for a multidisciplinary constituency.
- Ability to conduct environmental scans and reviews of faculty and student research needs.
- Demonstrated teaching skills.
- Supervisory experience.
- Demonstrated ability to lead change.

About The Ohio State University:

Founded in 1870, The Ohio State University is a world-class public research university and the leading comprehensive teaching and research institution in the state of Ohio. With more than 63,000 students (including 56,000 in Columbus), the Wexner Medical Center, 14 colleges, 80 centers and 175 majors, the university offers its students tremendous breadth and depth of opportunity in the liberal arts, the sciences, and the professions.

The Ohio State University Libraries contribute to the University's eminence as dynamic partners and campus leaders in advancing inquiry and discovery for OSU, the state of Ohio and for an ever expanding community of world scholars. Additional information about The Ohio State University Libraries is available at http://library.osu.edu. Additional information and a position description are available at http://library.osu.edu/about/jobs/faculty.

Rank/Salary:

All positions are full-time, permanent, 12-month tenure-track faculty appointments and report to the Associate Director for Research and Education. Salary and faculty rank are dependent on qualifications and experience.

Benefits:

The University offers competitive benefits in the form of 22 days vacation, 15 days sick leave, 10 holidays, hospitalization, major medical, surgical-medical, dental, vision, long-term disability insurance, and life insurance at 2.5 times one's annual salary. State and alternative retirement choices are also available. For a summary of benefits, see http://hr.osu.edu/hrpubs/ben/fs-bensummaryreg.pdf.

Application:

Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Preference will be given to applications received by August 5, 2013.

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To build a diverse workforce Ohio State encourages applications from individuals with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women. EEO/AA employer.