Research Impact Librarian

The Research Impact Librarian provides leadership to develop systematic and scalable approaches that support scholarly research impact within the research lifecycle. Reporting to the Head of Research Services, the librarian supports and provides expertise to faculty, staff and students in managing, communicating and promoting the impact of their research projects; assists with projects that communicate the value of Ohio State-produced research to the public, corporate partners, and the university as a whole; and develops services needed to promote greater research impact. The librarian designs and delivers consulting services and other instructional mechanisms to researchers using tools that promote collaboration across the university and detail the impact of Ohio State research. In addition, the librarian works closely with colleagues to increase understanding of issues pertaining to research impact and teaching methodologies to increase communication of research impact throughout the Libraries and on campus at large. The librarian is responsible for advocating for and leveraging research software and technology resources (such as ORCID, Altmetric, Academic Analytics, etc.) to enhance research innovation. Consistently demonstrates commitment to our values and promotes an organizational culture of Discovery, Connection, Equity, Integrity, and Stewardship (https://library.osu.edu/strategic-directions) as well as dedication to advance the work of the Research and Education unit. All other duties as assigned.

Responsibilities:

- Increases understanding of research impact issues pertaining to research and teaching throughout the Libraries and on campus.
- Investigates and applies existing and emerging technologies that help strengthen the Libraries’ mission to enhance and communicate research impact.
- Provides workshops or curricula focused on communicating research value across the university.
- Serves as consultant to researchers around topics of communicating with the public, measuring value of research impact, and tools and techniques for promoting research broadly.
- Keeps up with trends in digital research issues, methods, and research analytics tools.
- Identifies digital scholarship and digital library development referral opportunities.
- Builds, maintains and/or grows partnerships with College Research Officers, University Libraries Copyright Services, Research Communications, the Enterprise for Research, Innovation and Knowledge (ERIK) including the Office of Research, Office of Responsible Research Practices, Strategic and Competitive Intelligence, and other units across campus.
• Represents the Libraries at consortial and other meetings concerning issues including unique identifiers (ORCID), researcher information management systems, capturing the value of scholarship, and communication around research.

Required Qualifications:

• An ALA-accredited master’s degree or a comparable graduate degree from a non-US university (reviewed on a case-by-case basis).
• Experience with and knowledge of trends in digital research tools and methods.
• Understanding of university research environments and the ability to work collaboratively in a team-based environment.
• Demonstrated experience building and maintaining effective partnerships and collaborations in creative ways in a complex environment.
• Excellent communication and documentation skills.
• Commitment to librarianship, scholarship, and service, which are required criteria to meet University and University Libraries requirements for promotion and tenure. https://library.osu.edu/committees/apt.

Desired Qualifications:

• Experience developing a multifaceted program for a multidisciplinary constituency.
• Experience locating and analyzing citation datasets; instruction on using persistent identifiers (such as ORCID); managing author’s rights and understanding various metrics, such as the Impact Factor, Twitter Impressions, Academic Analytics, etc.
• Experience teaching both synchronously and asynchronously.
• Ability to conduct environmental scans and reviews of faculty, staff and student research needs.

Discover Ohio State
For over 150 years, The Ohio State University's campus in Columbus has been the stage for academic achievement and a laboratory for innovation. The university's main campus is one of America's largest and most comprehensive. As Ohio's best and one of the nation's top-20 public universities, Ohio State also includes a top-rated academic medical center and a premier cancer hospital and research center. As a land-grant university, Ohio State has a physical presence throughout the state, with campuses and research centers located around Ohio.

About The Ohio State University Libraries
The Libraries promotes innovative research and creative expression, advances effective teaching, curates and preserves information essential for scholarship and learning at Ohio State, and shares knowledge and culture with the people of Ohio, the nation, and the world. Libraries faculty and staff live these values in all that we do: Discovery, Connection, Equity, Integrity, and Stewardship. Learn about our strategic directions here https://library.osu.edu/strategic-directions.

The Libraries’ greatest resource is our faculty and staff. Their expertise produces value beyond the collections and their commitment to continual improvement and innovation is one of the most
significant ways the Libraries meets the diverse and evolving information needs of university students, faculty, and staff, alongside scholars throughout Ohio and the world.

As a global leader, the Libraries is actively engaged in local, statewide, national, and international initiatives to help shape the future of academic research libraries. These activities and the innovations that result enhance our ability to acquire, manage, and preserve emerging information resources, support knowledge creation, and enable its effective transmission to future learners. Information about the Libraries is available at https://library.osu.edu.

The Libraries strives to provide welcoming, supportive environments for all to pursue and share knowledge. The Libraries is guided by our strategic priorities that facilitate, celebrate and honor diversity, inclusion, access and social justice. All positions are expected to contribute to building and advancing this environment, and we encourage candidates to apply who share these values.

Appointment
This is a full-time, regular, 12-month appointment as a tenure-track faculty member. The candidate will be required to meet university and Libraries requirements for promotion and tenure. Faculty rank at either Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor are dependent on qualifications and experience.

The Ohio State University believes in diversity in people and ideas. What Ohio State does matters. And how we do it matters. When we are at our best, we make a real difference to people. We believe that the university should be a place where people can work and learn together in a safe environment, free of violence, harassment, discrimination, exploitation, and intimidation. As such, finalists for any faculty position that carries tenure must sign an authorization and disclosure form, which will allow current or prior employer(s) to share information to the University regarding any findings of employment-related misconduct or disciplinary proceedings against a candidate and/or any pending investigations related to alleged misconduct. Such information shall include findings and pending investigations with respect to sexual harassment, violence, or harassment; research misconduct; financial fraud or misconduct; foreign influence violations, grant misuse or misconduct; and/or any other type of finding or pending investigation relating to a candidate’s employer’s policies and rules governing faculty conduct that may reasonably be expected to affect a candidate’s appointment. If the University becomes aware of any past finding of misconduct or pending investigations that were not disclosed, Ohio State will treat that as a serious omission and reserves the right to rescind an offer or terminate employment.

Salary
$68,000 to $78,000; annual salary negotiable.

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: https://hr.osu.edu/new-employees/benefits-overview.

Application

The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The Ohio State University is a member of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Diversity Alliance.