

Biomedical Sciences Information Specialist

Purdue University Libraries seek an energetic and innovative librarian to join the Libraries as a Biomedical Sciences Information Specialist.

The Libraries and the University: The Purdue University Libraries have embarked upon a dynamic new role within the University, emphasizing a closer integration of the Libraries into the academic mission of Purdue. The Purdue University Libraries system consists of the Hicks Undergraduate Library, Archives and Special Collections, and 11 disciplinary libraries. Staff totals more than 200, including 70 faculty and professionals. An innovative information literacy instruction program promotes collaboration with teaching faculty, employing multiple approaches to integrate active learning into the University curriculum and prepare students for lifelong learning. A dynamic research program is focused both within the discipline of library science and interdisciplinarily. The Libraries homepage may be viewed at www.lib.purdue.edu/. Purdue University is a national leader in the areas of business, engineering, science, and technology. Liberal Arts is now the largest college at the University, followed closely by the College of Engineering. Purdue is experiencing unprecedented growth in research funding and recently completed a \$1.7 billion capital campaign. Purdue has the second largest public university international student enrollment in the nation, <http://www.purdue.edu/>. Lafayette/West Lafayette is a growing, vibrant, historic community located about forty-five minutes from Indianapolis and less than two hours from Chicago: <http://www.lafayette-in.com/>

Duties & Responsibilities: The Biomedical Sciences Information Specialist reports to the Head, Health and Life Sciences Division and has the responsibility for developing, initiating, and sustaining a user-centered program to continue integrating information literacy instruction into the curricula of the School of Veterinary Medicine and the Indiana University School of Medicine-Lafayette. The Biomedical Sciences Information Specialist works with the Veterinary Medical Librarian to promote research support, instruction services and outreach to the schools; assists in the planning and implementation of emerging technologies to enhance the provision of library resources; and participates in division and system-wide planning and projects relevant to the Libraries' strategic plan. Members of the Libraries faculty must meet Purdue requirements for promotion and tenure.

Requirements: Master's degree in Library Science (ALA accredited or equivalent). Degree in health-related or biological sciences or a demonstrated knowledge of biomedical sciences research through a combination of educational background and experience; knowledge of information needs in the biomedical sciences; enthusiasm for new methods of disseminating scientific information; demonstrated interest in the application of current and emerging technologies to meet the changing needs of users; recent experience with instruction in an academic or special library; demonstrated commitment to user instruction and to consultation with users on their information management needs; excellent communication and presentation skills; strong service orientation and interpersonal skills; ability to work independently and as a team member in a dynamic environment; and willingness to participate in interdisciplinary research initiatives.

Desired: 1-2 years of academic library experience.

SALARY: \$43,500 and up, depending on qualifications

STATUS AND BENEFITS: Faculty tenure-track. Rank of Assistant or Associate Professor depending upon qualifications. Twelve-month appointment with annual vacation of 22 working days. TIAA-CREF retirement. Flexible benefit programs.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applications will be reviewed beginning February 1, 2008, and will be accepted until a suitable candidate is chosen. Send letter stating interest and briefly discussing your ability to meet the requirements of the position, resume, and list of three references to: Thomas L. Haworth, Human Resources Administrator, Purdue University Libraries, 504 West State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2058. Phone: 765-494-2899; Email: thaworth@purdue.edu.

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