POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Head, Humanities, Social Science, Education and Business Division
Associate Professor or Professor Rank

Purdue University Libraries (PUL), recipient of the 2015 Award for Excellence in University Libraries from the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), seeks a highly motivated, innovative, and learner/research centered individual to lead the Humanities, Social Science, Education and Business Division (HSSEB) of the Libraries.

The HSSEB Division Head works closely with colleagues throughout PUL to advance the Libraries strategic initiatives, especially with division heads for Health and Life Sciences (HLS) and Physical Sciences, Engineering and Technology (PSET). He or she is proactive in understanding the instructional and research needs of the faculty and students in humanities, social science, education, and business at Purdue, and is actively engaged with these communities on campus. The HSSEB Division Head leads and facilitates the liaison activities of HSSEB faculty, including collection development, provision of in-depth reference assistance, and information literacy instruction, as well as in newer areas of emphasis such as digital humanities and research data. The successful candidate will have a commitment to diversity and to promoting a multicultural environment for learning. He or she serves on PUL’s Planning and Operations Council, Learning Council, and Information Resources Council and reports to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. As a member of the Libraries faculty, the HSSEB Division head articulates a research agenda that explores questions within her/his area of specialization and results in a scholarly publication record required for promotion and tenure at Purdue University.

The HSSEB Division includes the faculty, staff, services, and operations of three campus libraries: Roland G. Parrish Library of Management and Economics, John W. Hicks Undergraduate Library, and the Humanities, Social Science and Education Library. The division has 11 Libraries faculty who report to the division head and 15 staff under the supervision of the operations manager. The division supports a number of nationally ranked programs, including communications and management, and 8 PhD programs within the College of Liberal Arts that recently received high evaluations from the National Research Council (NRC).

Required qualifications: Master’s degree in library/information science or a doctoral degree in an appropriate discipline. Seven years of experience working in academic research libraries with demonstrated leadership in a supervisory capacity managing staff and librarians; experience with budgeting; strong service orientation; excellent communication and presentation skills; ability to work well with all levels of users, staff, and administrators; commitment to engage in research and scholarship, and qualifications to meet the expectations for promotion.
Desired Qualifications:  Degree[s] in a humanities, social sciences, education, or business discipline; familiarity with human resources policies; 3 years of experience in a management or leadership role; demonstrated interest in the applications of current and emerging technologies to meet the changing needs of users; and demonstrated commitment to teaching and learning with a sound understanding of teaching pedagogies and embedded information literacy practices.

Environment:  Purdue University Libraries (PUL), recipient of the 2015 Award for Excellence in University Libraries from the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), is at the forefront of academic librarianship and redefining the role of the academic, research library in learning, discovery, and engagement activities of the University. Libraries faculty and staff are deeply involved in information literacy instruction and instructional design, redefining of learning spaces, scholarly communication, data management, and global outreach. PUL has embarked upon a comprehensive program to engage in campus learning initiatives, including the development of information literacy instruction, course-redesign initiatives advancing active learning on campus (IMPACT-Instruction Matters: Purdue Academic Course Transformation http://www.purdue.edu/impact/), and the design and implementation of dynamic new learning spaces. Purdue Libraries faculty have expanded their collaborative endeavors with disciplinary faculty in integrating information literacy into the curriculum, culminating in 2012 with a core campus curriculum that includes information literacy as a core requirement. PUL is also home to the first endowed chair in information literacy in the United States, established in 2008.

Purdue Libraries is committed to advancing diversity in all areas of faculty effort, including scholarship, instruction, and engagement.

A reconceptualization of spaces is taking place throughout PUL. The recently renovated Roland G. Parrish Library of Management and Economics is a natural extension of the classroom, re-designed with input from students. The renovation of the Hicks Undergraduate Library completed in 2014 includes three active learning classrooms in support of Purdue’s campus wide, innovative course-redesign initiative. Construction is now underway on the Thomas S. and Harvey D. Wilmeth Active Learning Center, which will bring together six science and engineering libraries into a building that will seamlessly integrate learning and classroom spaces in a $79M facility at the very heart of the campus. For a video introduction to the Wilmeth Active Learning Center, please see: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__D36R3t3Hc.

Libraries faculty and staff also collaborate with disciplinary faculty to develop new approaches for discovering, accessing, and sharing of research publications and data. Purdue Libraries are leaders in the areas of data curation and library publishing services. Accomplishments in data curation include the development of the Data Curation Profiles Toolkit, an instrument for assessing the data needs of faculty researchers. The Purdue University Research Repository (PURR), a Libraries initiative, provides an online, collaborative working space and data-sharing platform to support the data management needs of Purdue researchers and their collaborators. Since 2005, Purdue Libraries has collaborated in interdisciplinary sponsored research on
Purdue University (http://www.purdue.edu/), located in West Lafayette, Indiana, in the historic Wabash River valley, is one hour from Indianapolis and two hours from Chicago. Renowned nationally and internationally for its programs in engineering, science, agriculture, and business, the University has over 39,400 students and 11,600 employees. Purdue is a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU), Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), and the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC). Purdue has the second highest enrollment of international students among public U.S. universities, with 10,230 undergraduate, professional, and graduate students in 2014-2015.

“Purdue University prohibits discrimination against any member of the University community on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or status as a veteran.” From Nondiscrimination Policy Statement, Purdue University http://www.purdue.edu/purdue/ea_eou_statement.html.

The greater Lafayette area (http://www.homeofpurdue.com/) provides diverse cultural, social, and recreational activities.

Salary and benefits: Salary commensurate with experience in the context of Purdue University’s salary structure. Faculty tenure-track position with a twelve-month appointment. Rank of associate or full professor depending on qualifications. Start-up funds in support of research are provided for computer/software/equipment, for travel/professional development, and for a half time graduate assistant for two years. Purdue provides a generous fringe benefit package that includes retirement benefits as well as health, disability and life insurance, 22 annual vacation days, and tuition support for employee, children, and spouse/same sex domestic partner. Purdue University is responsive to the needs of dual career couples.
**Application process:** To apply, please send a resume, cover letter, and the names and contact information of at least three references via email to Carole Tolley, Libraries Human Resources Coordinator, at libhr@purdue.edu.

When applying:

- Place “HSSEBD” in the subject line of the email.

In the cover letter:

- Describe your interest in humanities, social science, education, and business librarianship;
- Address the required qualifications;
- In keeping with Purdue Libraries commitment to advancing diversity in all areas of faculty effort, including scholarship, instruction, and engagement, the cover letter must address at least one of these areas, indicating past experiences, current interests or activities, and/or future goals to promote a climate that values diversity and inclusion.

*The full job announcement can be seen [www.lib.purdue.edu/about/employment](http://www.lib.purdue.edu/about/employment).*

*Purdue University is an EEO/AA employer fully committed to achieving a diverse workforce. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.*