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Libraries and School of Information Studies

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Head, Information Studies

Purdue University Libraries and School of Information Studies seeks a highly accomplished leader and scholar to lead Information Studies, a new academic department in the University Libraries. In December 2018 Purdue's Board of Trustees approved a new name for the University Libraries, to better reflect the teaching and scholarly contributions of Libraries faculty. The Libraries and School of Information Studies includes seven libraries, archives and special collections, the Purdue University Press, the Office of Undergraduate Research, the University Copyright Office, and in spring 2020 the new academic information studies department.

The Information Studies department includes 30+ faculty members, with potential to grow as new courses and curriculum are developed.

Head, Information Studies:
- Reports to the dean, and works closely with associate deans, serves as a member of the Libraries' senior management team and contributes to long-range planning, program development and evaluation, budget formulation, and allocation of resources in support of the organization's mission.
- Provides vision and transparent leadership for faculty, in pursuit of excellence in learning, discovery, and engagement.
- Fosters the academic growth, professional development, and recruitment and retention of diverse and talented faculty.
- Cultivates and supports mentors among faculty.
- Assess and maintain teaching and service workload equity among faculty, and oversee experiences of faculty at all levels, and particularly at the assistant and associate ranks.
- Represents the Libraries and School of Information Studies at various national and international meetings, panels, and committees, and serve on various campus committees and councils.
- As faculty member, articulates a research agenda within the areas of library and information science or information studies, resulting in a scholarly publication record required for promotion at Purdue University.

Successful Candidate Will:
- Depending on experience, will either qualify at time of hire for tenure at rank of associate or full professor, or may be appointed in a tenure-track position at rank of associate professor, with a four-year tenure probationary period.
- Show a commitment to diversity and to promoting a multicultural environment for learning.
- Must meet Purdue requirements for promotion and tenure.

Required Qualifications:
- Have obtained a Master's degree in library or information science (the terminal degree in library or information science) from an ALA accredited program with relevant experience or terminal degree in a related discipline with relevant experience.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and intercultural skills, and the ability to prioritize and adjust in a dynamic environment.

Preferred Qualifications:
- Teaching experience.
- Developed research agenda

Environment: Purdue University Libraries and School of Information Studies (PULSIS), 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. PULSIS faculty have expanded their collaborative endeavors with disciplinary faculty in integrating information literacy into the core curriculum.

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

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 44,551 students (undergraduate, professional, and graduate students) and 16,925 employees. Purdue is a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU), Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), and the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTTA). Purdue has the fourth highest enrollment of international students among public U.S. universities.

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 position with 12-month administrative appointment. Rank of associate or full professor. Start-up funds in support of research are provided.

Purdue provides a generous fringe benefit package that includes retirement benefits as well as health, disability and life insurance, and tuition support for employee, children, and spouse. Purdue University is responsive to the needs of dual career couples.

Relocation funding will be available and discussed on a case-by-case basis.

A background check will be required for employment in this position.

Application process:
For consideration, submit resume, cover letter and the names and contact information of at least three references.

https://career8.successfactors.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=9870&company=purdueuniv&username=

In the cover letter:
- Describe your interest in this position;
- Address the required qualifications;
- Purdue University's Libraries and School of Information Studies (PULSIS) is committed to advancing diversity in all areas of faculty effort including discovery, instruction, and engagement. Candidates should address at least one of these areas in their cover letter, indicating their past experiences, current interests or activities and/or future goals to promote a climate that values diversity and inclusion.

This complete position announcement can also be found at: www.lib.purdue.edu/about/employment.

Review of applications will start on April 13, 2020 and will continue until the position is filled.

Purdue University is an EOE/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.