



Libraries and School
of Information Studies

Position Announcement
Barron Hilton Archivist for Flight and Space Exploration and
Clinical Assistant/Associate Professor

Purdue University Libraries seeks an experienced archivist to lead and grow the Barron Hilton Flight and Space Exploration Archives. The Hilton Archivist is a member of the Archives and Special Collections Division. The person in this role is responsible for managing the acquisitions, arrangement, description, preservation, and outreach of collections relating to flight and space history.

This is an endowed, non-tenure track, clinical faculty position to be hired at the assistant or associate professor level, depending on experience. At Purdue, clinical faculty positions focus primarily on learning/teaching as demonstrated through librarianship, which includes archival practice and contributing to student learning with collections.

The successful candidate will:

- Create a vision for the future growth of the Flight and Space Exploration Archives
- Foster relationships with donors to identify and acquire collection materials
- Oversee processing of collections, supervising graduate assistants and/or staff
- Promote use of the collections through presentations, exhibits, and related activities
- Set priorities for digitization of collections
- Provide reference services, with support from graduate assistants
- Provide instructional and learning opportunities with the collections
- Engage in scholarly and professional development activities, disseminating knowledge through conference presentations, exhibit curation, and/or publications

About Archives and Special Collections

Purdue University [Archives and Special Collections](#) supports the discovery, learning and engagement goals of Purdue University by identifying, collecting, preserving, and making available for research records, personal papers, and rare books of enduring value. Archives and Special Collections has four collecting focus areas: Flight and Space Exploration Archives,

Psychoactive Substances Research, University Archives, and Women's Archives. The Barron Hilton Flight and Space Exploration Archives was established in 2011 to preserve the records of faculty and alumni contributions to the development of aeronautics and astronautics. Purdue University was the first university to own and operate its own airport. Highlighted collections include the papers of aviator Amelia Earhart and astronauts Neil Armstrong and Eugene Cernan.

About Purdue Libraries

[Purdue University Libraries and School of Information Studies](#), the 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, redefining the role of the academic research library in learning, discovery, and engagement activities of Purdue University. Libraries faculty and staff are deeply involved in information literacy instruction and instructional design, development of new learning and lab spaces, scholarly communication, data management, and global outreach. Libraries faculty have expanded their collaborative endeavors with faculty across the university in integrating information literacy into the core curriculum.

Qualifications

Master's degree in Library and/or Information Science (ALA accredited or equivalent) with completion of graduate coursework in archives. Minimum of 2 years' experience working with archival collections. Knowledge of archival theory, trends, and best practices including archival descriptive standards. Experience working with donors. Experience, or interest in, providing instruction and presentations to diverse audiences of students, scholars, and the public. Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a dynamic environment and on a variety of projects simultaneously. Excellent interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills.

Preferred Qualifications

Supervisory experience. Experience using ArchivesSpace or related collections management systems. Experience providing reference services. Interest in flight and space history.

Salary and Benefits

The minimum salary is \$75,000. Salary commensurate with experience in the context of Purdue University's salary structure.

Non-tenure track clinical faculty position. Rank of Clinical Assistant/Associate professor, depending on experience.

Start-up funds are provided for computer/software/equipment, and for travel and professional development.

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 provides dual career assistance and relocation services.

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

Application Procedure

Submit applications online at <https://careers.purdue.edu/job-invite/26225/> and include the following:

1. Cover letter addressing your interest in the position and how you meet the qualifications
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Names and contact information for three references

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

Review of applications will begin **November 1, 2023**, and continue until position is filled.

Inquires may be sent to Carole Tolley, Lead Administrative Assistant at tolleyc@purdue.edu.

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