

Data Services Librarian I or II

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Geoffrey R Weller Library Term, Full-Time September 2020 to August 2021

The University of Northern British Columbia is a university both in and for the north, and this mission has instilled a strong sense of ownership, purpose, and adventure among their students, alumni, faculty, staff, and the communities they serve. UNBC is also Canada's Green University™, leading the way to a more sustainable future for all. UNBC is honored to serve diverse traditional territories that are home to numerous First Nations and other Indigenous groups.

UNBC, in conjunction with the Geoffrey R Weller Library, invites application for a one-year, full-time Term Data Services Librarian position.

Reporting to the University Librarian, and working collaboratively with Librarians and library staff, technical services, the Northern BC Archives, and UNBC communities, the Data Services Librarian joins a small team of dedicated librarians in enhancing research and learning at UNBC. This position will provide leadership and direction for Data Services, and will bring expertise including data discovery, analysis and management, and presenting to groups across campus about data services. You will also be up-to-date on trends in open data, statistical and geospatial analysis, GIS, data visualization, and research data management, and will have hands-on experience or a willingness to learn software and techniques in support of such work.

You will be the primary liaison to Mathematics and Statistics, Environmental Planning, Environmental Studies, Outdoor Recreation & Tourism Management, Biology, Geography and Forestry. This role involves serving as the primary point of contact between the Library and assigned academic units, working with the faculty members and students in those units to ensure that their library and information needs are met, and fostering a close relationship between the academic unit and the Library.

All librarians provide reference and instruction and liaise with academic programs, providing specialized research project support to students and faculty. Librarians at UNBC contribute to the body of research in their field and are encouraged to participate actively in appropriate associations, user groups and professional bodies.

Key Responsibilities of this position include:

- Collaborating with other units on campus to coordinate data services, advance research data management, and develop an Institutional Strategy for Research Data Management;
- Providing training to researchers on DMP Assistant and Dataverse;
- Together with Office of Research Services, serving as contact for external data organizations and data repositories; and
- Conducting and applying research and best practices in the areas of academic library data services, statistical data analysis, GIS, data visualization, research data management, and digital scholarship.

Additional Responsibilities Include:

- Actively participating in the provision of reference services (face-to-face and virtual), both locally and provincially via AskAway;
- Fulfilling a liaison librarian role in designated disciplines through the support of teaching, research, collection development, graduate library research, and the provision of information literacy sessions;
- Providing in-person and online training sessions;
- Supporting liaison librarians and library staff with data reference and research consultations in your assigned subject areas;
- Conducting advanced reference and research consultations with students and faculty;
- Developing and managing collections in assigned subject areas;
- Engaging in scholarship, research, creative or equivalent professional activities;
- Working collaboratively with Library colleagues on committees and working groups that advance all aspects of library planning, policy formulation and service delivery;
- Advancing the values and goals outlined in the Library's and University's strategic plans; and
- Serving on Library and university-wide committees.

Required Qualifications

- A graduate degree from an ALA-accredited program in librarian and information science or equivalent accreditation;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English;
- Experience in, or demonstrated potential for, supporting researchers with data services, including data discovery, statistical and geospatial data analysis and visualization, and research data management;
- Understanding of the regional and national research data management landscape in Canada, including relevant policies, repositories, and tools;
- Strong organizational and time management skills;
- Experience in, or knowledge of, providing information literacy instruction and training; and
- Commitment to scholarship, professional development, and service.

Additional consideration will be given to those who have:

- Experience with scripting languages and relational databases;
- Research experience or additional advanced degree; and
- Project management skills.

Appropriate combinations of Required and Additional qualifications will be considered.

To Apply

Applicants should forward their cover letter, curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three references (including telephone, fax, and email information) quoting competition #FALI03-20 to:

The Office of the Provost, University of Northern British Columbia
3333 University Way, Prince George, B.C., V2N 4Z9

Email submissions:

FacultyRecruitment@unbc.ca

Inquiries:

Dr. Bill McGill, Geoffrey R Weller Library

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(250) 960-6468

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Northern British Columbia is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from women, aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.

We thank all applicants for their interest in UNBC however, only those applicants selected for further consideration will be contacted.

Applications received on or before August 20, 2020, will receive full consideration; however, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.