

Physical Sciences and Engineering Reference Librarian (tenure-track)

The University of Louisville (UofL) Libraries invites applications from creative and energetic candidates for the position of Physical Sciences and Engineering Reference Librarian. The position reports to the head of the Reference Department and would be a part of a collegial, service-oriented, and progressive department of 7 librarians, 3 professional staff, and 7 student assistants.

The University of Louisville (<http://louisville.edu>) is a Carnegie I research university with a national reputation for its high-quality undergraduate program and over twenty nationally recognized research, graduate, and professional programs, as well as a strong commitment to the community in which it resides. Recently, the University began a ten-year improvement process called Ideas to Action (i2A) that is designed to highlight critical thinking in the undergraduate curriculum and to connect students' learning as much as possible to real-world experience and engagement in their community.

The University Libraries, as part of our strong commitment to student development, just added a brand-new addition in the last three years with three flexible instructional labs and an automated storage area, as well as opening a Learning Commons in 2007. These innovative facilities compliment and reinforce the University's concepts of teaching and learning.

The city of Louisville (<http://www.loukymetro.org/>) offers hospitality, warmth and smaller city advantages like shorter commutes and lower cost of living alongside major city amenities like world-class performing arts, great sports, incredible dining, and a nationally-acclaimed parks system.

Position Description and Requirements

The Physical Sciences and Engineering Reference Librarian serves as the reference and collection specialist in the following areas: chemistry, physics, mathematics, biochemistry, and a variety of engineering areas including industrial, civil, electrical, mechanical, environmental, chemical, and computer.

The Physical Sciences and Engineering Reference Librarian is responsible for information literacy instruction in assigned subject areas; evaluating, selecting, and reviewing materials and information resources for inclusion in the collection; creating and maintaining strong communication lines with the assigned disciplines by providing creative programming and outreach to faculty and students; assisting with shifts at a general reference desk (including evening and weekend hours); and creating and maintaining subject web pages in assigned areas. This position is an active member of the reference department, involved in collaborative planning and governance. Other potential areas of support could include patent searching and the teaching of one-credit chemistry or engineering information resources courses.

Required:

- ALA-accredited Masters Degree in library science.
- Bachelor's Degree in one of the above subject areas and/or significant experience in industry or a library related to the above disciplines.
- Demonstrated working knowledge of scientific resources including Chemical Abstracts, SciFinder Scholar, Beilstein/Crossfire Commander, Sadtler, etc.

- Demonstrated knowledge of and enthusiasm for the integration of new technologies into the delivery of information services.
- Demonstrated ability to design and create web-based materials.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a team within a culturally diverse user community.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Demonstrated potential for meeting university libraries faculty promotion and tenure requirements.
- Demonstrated initiative, flexibility, and self-direction.

Desirable: previous public services work; academic or special library experience; teaching experience.

The appointment rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications. The annual minimum salary is \$45,000 with a comprehensive benefits package and annual vacation of 22 working days. Library faculty appointments are twelve month, tenure-track positions. Promotion and tenure require demonstration of scholarship and other criteria. With leadership from the Dean of University Libraries, the Libraries became a member of the Association of Research Libraries in 2002. The University Libraries values its collaborative efforts both within the university and with other organizations. UofL is Kentucky's metropolitan university serving 21,000 students in the state's largest urban area.

Applications received by November 16, 2009 will be given full consideration in the initial screening. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Submit an online application via UofL's Human Resources office <http://louisville.edu/jobs/> (Job ID #24611) **AND** send a letter of application, resume, unofficial graduate transcripts, and name, address, phone number and e-mail addresses of three references to:

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