ASSOCIATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN for SCHOLARLY RESOURCES & CONTENT STRATEGIES

The University of California, Santa Barbara invites applications and nominations for an Associate University Librarian for Scholarly Resources & Content Strategies. The successful candidate will provide leadership and program oversight of activities in support of the UCSB Library Strategic Roadmap for Research & Learning Resources, including the exploration of new strategies to provide necessary scholarly information to support the campus’ research and teaching missions; increasing the visibility of the Library’s distinctive collections and their value for enhancing research and learning outcomes; aligning information resources with the strengths of the UCSB campus and its commitment to interdisciplinary research and learning; and facilitating the discovery and use of data and information created and published by UCSB researchers and scholars.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The AUL for Scholarly Resources & Content Strategies has the responsibility for building collections that best support UCSB’s academic programs. The AUL sets Library-wide policy for collection development, data curation, digitization initiatives, scholarly communications, licensing, acquisitions, cataloging, and preservation. To this end, the AUL must work collaboratively with faculty, subject librarians, collection services staff, the California Digital Library, our sister UC campuses, and other cooperative partners.

Reporting to the University Librarian, the AUL for Scholarly Resources & Content Strategies:

- establishes criteria of excellence and effectiveness for all aspects of our Library's intellectual content such as collection needs assessment and evaluation, collection building, digital initiatives, and access to collections;
- mobilizes and supports Library staff to meet those criteria through shared processes and practices;
- manages the information resources budget and serves as primary spokesperson for the collections to faculty, students, and other library patrons;
- provides campus-wide leadership and works closely with faculty and library colleagues to chart a sustainable future for scholarly communication; and,
- supervises and provides strategic direction for the Library's Acquisitions & Resource Management Services, Cataloging & Metadata Services, Collection Development, Digital Library Services, and Scholarly Communications departments and programs (approximately five direct reports and 47 FTE personnel).

To ensure shared planning and problem solving, the AUL convenes ad hoc or functional groups as needed and works collaboratively and creatively with all staff engaged in collection services issues.

This AUL works closely with the California Digital Library in providing access to electronic resources that meet the needs of UCSB’s faculty, students, and staff. The appointee will help
the University of California System as it explores new ways to strengthen collaborative collection development, shared collections, and co-investments for content needed by UCSB researchers and scholars.

As a member of the UCSB Library's administrative group, the AUL shares decision-making authority for personnel actions, resource management for the Library's budget, and development of policies for all library operations and services. The incumbent represents the Library in the appropriate University, regional, and national bodies and contributes to the library and information science profession through publications, formal presentations, and participation in related professional organizations.

QUALIFICATIONS
Required:
- MLS from an ALA-accredited library school, or equivalent degree with relevant experience;
- significant work experience in an academic research library;
- demonstrated understanding of building research collections in support of the University's mission;
- demonstrated leadership experience in managing the development of major print and digital collections;
- substantial experience fostering partnerships for joint institutional projects or programs such as cooperative collection development;
- demonstrated understanding of scholarly communications issues and new models that are shaping the future of academic publishing;
- proven experience in managing academic research library departments in a complex, multi-functional library;
- superior interpersonal skills evidenced in clear success as a collaborative team builder;
- demonstrated ability to work effectively with diverse staff and campus user communities in an academic setting;
- ability to work creatively and collaboratively in a complex environment;
- strong commitment to staff engagement and development; and,
- superior analytical, organizational, problem solving, and communication skills.

Preferred:
- Second master’s degree or doctorate;
- experience working in or playing a responsible role in acquisitions, cataloging, or collection development;
- experience with digital scholarship, data-intensive research support, data curation, digital initiatives, or preservation; and,
- active participation experience in library fundraising efforts;
- significant record of publications or presentation experience.
ENVIRONMENT

The University of California, Santa Barbara, (UCSB) is one of ten campuses of the University of California system and one of only 61 research-intensive institutions elected to membership in the Association of American Universities.

The UCSB Library is committed to the pursuit of excellence, diversity, innovation, and collaboration with a vision to be the premier scholar resource and information leader advancing UCSB’s mission of exemplary research, teaching, and service to California and beyond.

The Library is actively engaged with partners on campus and with other University of California (UC) libraries to provide extensive resources and services to advance information discovery for research, scholarship and creativity in a dynamically evolving teaching and learning environment. UCSB Library is a member of the prestigious Association of Research Libraries and an active participant in UC’s and other regional and national collaborative initiatives. Among the top research libraries in the country, the Library’s collections include approximately 3 million volumes and over 6 million non-print and digital resources. The collection supports undergraduate and graduate programs in 33 academic areas and serves the wide-ranging research needs of diverse campus programs and centers. Central to the campus skyline as well as to its mission, the Library takes pride in providing outstanding service to all its clientele.