Health Sciences Librarian
Library of the University of California, Davis

Overview of Position

The Library of the University of California, Davis, seeks an energetic, innovative, collaborative, and user-focused librarian to work closely with faculty, students, staff, and institutional stakeholders in a highly interdisciplinary academic community. The successful candidate will be responsible for providing outreach, education and resources in support of student learning, academic programs, and faculty teaching and research. S/he must be able to work effectively with faculty, students, researchers, and staff to develop a shared vision for library services and collections aligned with the University Library’s mission and vision.

Scope of UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) and School of Medicine (SoM)

The University of California, Davis, has been ranked first in veterinary science in the past three QS World University Rankings, most recently released in March 2017. In 2015 and 2016, the U.S. News & World Report ranked the SVM 1st among North America’s 30 veterinary schools. Established in 1946 and opened in 1948, SVM leads the nation with more than $70 million in annual research funding. Five faculty members honored as members of the National Academies of Science. More than 50,000 patients are treated each year at the William R. Pritchard Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, the home base of the nation’s largest veterinary residency program. The School of Veterinary Medicine is the only school in the University of California system authorized to confer the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, or DVM. Research faculty are heavily engaged in animal health research and human health investigations. The California National Primate Research Center (CNPRC) is one of seven research programs in the United States funded by the National Institutes of Health.

UC Davis Health serves a 33-county area with 6 million residents. It includes the region’s only level I adult and pediatric trauma centers, National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, comprehensive full-service children’s hospital, transplant services, heart and vascular centers, institute for neurodevelopmental disorders, and a world-renowned telemedicine network. The U.S. News and World report ranks University of California, Davis Medical Center nationally in 10 adult specialties and 5 children's specialties. It also achieved the highest rating possible in 7 procedures and conditions. With annualized external research funding reaching $272 million in 2016, UC Davis has nearly 1,000 basic science, translational, and clinical research studies underway, funded by federal and state governments, pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, private foundations, and philanthropy.
A major research, teaching and service unit, the department offers a wide range of program relevant to population health, disease prevention, biostatistics and toxicology. Formed in 1968 as the Department of Community Health, current faculty are actively involved in epidemiology research and teaching, including the teaching of epidemiology and biostatistics to medical students and at the undergraduate and graduate level. Teaching programs also include occupational and environmental health, community and preventive medicine, geriatrics and gerontology, toxicology and international health.

**UC Davis and UC Davis Library**

UC Davis is a global community of individuals united to better humanity and our natural world while seeking solutions to some of our most pressing challenges. Located near Sacramento, California’s capital, UC Davis has more than 37,000 students, the full-time equivalent of 4,100 faculty and other academics and researchers, and 17,400 staff. The University has an annual research budget of over $785 million, includes a major academic health system, and over two dozen specialized research centers. Recognized as one of the top 10 public universities in the U.S. and the number one university in the world for agricultural research and veterinary medicine, UC Davis offers interdisciplinary graduate study and more than 100 undergraduate majors in four colleges — Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering, and Letters and Science. It also houses six professional schools — Education, Law, Management, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, and Nursing. The UC Davis Library is among the top 100 research libraries in North America, and belongs to the Association of Research Libraries and other organizations that position it to collaborate with other top organizations.

**Position Responsibilities**

- Reporting to the Head of the Research Services Department, the librarian delivers responsive, innovative information services that support the needs of the College of School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) and School of Medicine (SoM), and the university community working in the health sciences.

- Primary liaison areas for this position will be departments within SVM; SoM on both the Davis and Sacramento campuses with particular emphasis on the Department of Public Health Sciences; the California National Primate Research Center; and Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

- As liaisons, the librarian cultivates and maintains strong working relationships with faculty; maintains an understanding of the research and teaching programs in assigned areas; promotes faculty and student liaison activities; develops and participates in UC Davis and University of California-wide cooperative initiatives, services, and collections; and collaborates with other librarians within the UC Davis Library to deliver timely and effective services and to develop resource collections to meet the dynamic growth of the campus research and teaching needs.

- Major activities conducted by the librarian include research support and educational services; collection development and management responsibilities within an academic research institution in collaboration with the Collection Strategies Department; and outreach covering a variety of relevant topics, including Library resources and services,
literature searching, and access to research data and scholarship. Outreach activities are directed at faculty, researchers, staff, and students generally and to targeted populations such as new faculty and research centers on both the Davis and Sacramento campuses.

- The incumbent’s duties include, but are not limited to, planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating appropriate educational and research support services in health sciences disciplines, and preparing reports regarding ongoing services and special projects, including the generation and interpretation of data that informs decisions and demonstrates the UC Davis Library’s value to the UC Davis community and beyond.
- UC Davis librarians are expected to participate in library and system-wide conversations and planning, to be able to work comfortably in a collegial environment, and to be active professionally.
- Advancement in the Librarian series is based in part on professional contributions beyond the primary assignment; the successful candidate will show evidence or promise of such contributions.

**Required Qualifications for the Position**

- Graduate degree in library science from an ALA-accredited institution or equivalent
- Two or more years of experience supporting research or learning in a library, research and/or teaching environment
- Demonstrated familiarity with health sciences resources and collection management activities in an academic or research library
- Demonstrated understanding of library support of curricula across the range of health sciences educational programs
- Demonstrated understanding and ability to determine information and research needs of students, faculty, scientists, and researchers and to effectively develop and deliver responsive services using a variety of tools
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and collaboratively with multiple constituencies in a complex and rapidly changing environment such as setting goals, managing time, promoting teamwork, and meeting deadlines
- Demonstrated effective use of analytical, problem-solving, and communication skills
- Knowledge of assessment and evaluation theories and practices
- Evidence of flexibility and initiative when working within a fast-paced, changing environment
- Demonstrated strong commitment to user services and improving the user experience

**Preferred Qualifications for the Position**

- Undergraduate or higher degree in the health sciences OR two years working experience as a health sciences librarian
- Demonstrated knowledge and ability to use and successfully experiment with technologies to deliver information services to health sciences clientele
- Familiarity with the way scientists and researchers work with government information and technical report literature
- Familiarity with research data management or curation
• Demonstrated project management skills
• Successful experience in developing and managing relevant collections in an academic library
• Knowledge of scholarly communications issues, tools, and resources
• Record of professional engagement, such as service in library organizations, presentations at conferences, or publication

Salary and Benefits

Salary: Assistant Librarian to Associate Librarian ($49,165-$69,550) (Appointment rank and salary based on qualifications and experience.)

These positions are covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

Benefits: The University of California is one of the largest employers in California, and offers outstanding health and retirement benefits to its employees and their families. Librarians are academic appointees and earn 24 days of vacation and 12 days of sick leave per year. In addition, there are 13 university holidays.


Application Information

Applications must be submitted via the UC Davis RECRUIT website:
https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/apply/JPF01767

Please include a letter of interest addressing qualifications and experience related to the position, a Curriculum Vitae, and names and contact information for at least four references.

Applicants are also required to complete a Statement of Contributions to Diversity. Please visit http://academicaffairs.ucdavis.edu/diversity/equity_inclusion/index.html for information about why diversity statements are requested and guidelines for writing a diversity statement.

Candidates applying by October 2, 2017 will receive first consideration. The position will remain open until filled.

The University of California is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

UC Davis is a smoke- and tobacco-free campus effective January 1, 2014.