POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: Science and Technology Librarian (2 positions open) – time-limited position

RANK: Visiting Assistant University Librarian

REPORTS TO: Chair, Marston Science Library

SALARY: Minimum Salary $42,000; Actual salary will reflect selected professional’s experience and credentials

REQUISITION #: 0802797 and 0802798

DEADLINE DATE: October 15, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: The Smathers Libraries have a pending grant application that is under final review by the funding agency. This position is conditional upon award and funding of the grant. If awarded the position will be time-limited for approximately 24 months. The announcement as to whether we will receive the award is anticipated to take place in October 2009. This position would replace a library staff member who will be reassigned to the grant for its multi-year duration. This recruitment effort is conditional on award and funding, and if the application is unsuccessful the advertised position will not be filled.

UPDATE: The grant has been awarded to the University of Florida and its partners, with a start date of 09/24/09 and end date of 08/31/2011.

JOB SUMMARY
The University of Florida Libraries seeks a creative and service-oriented reference and instruction librarians for the sciences. This is a multi-year grant funded appointment. The Science and Technology Librarian provides reference assistance, instruction, outreach, and some collection management for disciplines served by the Marston Science Library. A key element of the assignment is the use of new technology to access and deliver information to library users. The librarian works constructively in group efforts and maintains close working relationships with faculty, students and colleagues. The position is responsible for special projects such as collection reviews, monitoring UF science publications, or preparation of web-based resources. The incumbent may be assigned liaison responsibilities to specific departments in science or engineering related to the candidate’s educational background, previous experience and availability. The library encourages staff participation in reaching management decisions and, consequently, the Science and Technology Librarian will be asked to serve on various committees and teams.

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RESPONSIBILITIES:
1. Provides traditional and electronic reference services for faculty, students and staff of the University of Florida. Participates in the provision of traditional reference desk, reference chat and email reference services. Proactively assists library patrons with the use of computer workstations.
2. Participates in instruction programs using traditional classroom methods and educational technologies.
3. Participates actively in the development, selection and evaluation of web resources for subject guides and other user services.
4. Develops and maintains web-based tutorials.
5. Participates in science collection management program. Selects and evaluates subject-based materials and works with faculty in selecting materials to support their academic and research programs.
6. Provides outreach services to interdisciplinary programs.
7. Participates in planning, policy formation and departmental decision making relating to science services, collections and new technologies.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Required:
1. Masters degree in library science from an ALA accredited library school, or equivalent advanced degree in a scientific field.
2. Strong commitment to user-focused service.
3. Demonstrated knowledge of and enthusiasm for the integration of new technologies into the delivery of information services.
4. Proficient in the design and creation of web pages.
5. Ability to work effectively as part of a team within a culturally diverse user community.
6. Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
7. Initiative, flexibility, and the ability to adapt and work creatively in a rapidly changing environment.

Preferred:
1. Undergraduate or advanced degree in science or technology, or experience serving a similar user population.
2. Experience working in an academic library.
3. Experience with/demonstrated enthusiasm for working with the public.
4. Experience with/demonstrated enthusiasm for instruction.
5. Familiarity with web-based instructional tools.
6. Familiarity with online reference services.

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
The University of Florida is a large, land grant, public educational research institution with a faculty of approximately 4,000 and a student body of approximately 50,000. UF is Florida's largest university, the nation's fourth-largest, and traces its beginnings to a small seminary in 1853. Since 1985, UF has been a member of the Association of American Universities, the prestigious higher-education organization comprised of the top 62 public and private institutions in North America. UF is home to 16 colleges and more than 150 research centers and institutes.

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The University offers the Ph.D. in more than 90 fields and the Master's degree in more than 120 fields. For more information please consult the UF homepage at http://www.ufl.edu.

The University of Florida Libraries are members of the Association of Research Libraries, the Center for Research Libraries, the Research Libraries Group, and SOLINET. The library staff consists of more than 400 FTE librarians, technical/clerical staff and student assistants. For more information about the Libraries, please visit http://www.uflib.ufl.edu.

MARSTON SCIENCE LIBRARY
The Marston Science Library, named for Robert Q. Marston, the seventh president of the University of Florida, houses collections in agriculture, life sciences, engineering, physical sciences, mathematics and earth sciences. The Government Documents Department which includes the Map and Imagery Library is also located in MSL.

BENEFITS:
Twenty-six vacation days, nine paid holidays, and thirteen days sick leave annually; retirement plan options; insurance benefits; tuition fee waiver program; no state or local income tax.

APPLICATION PROCESS:
The University of Florida is an equal opportunity employer and is strongly committed to the diversity of our faculty and staff. Applicants from a broad spectrum of people, including members of ethnic minorities and disabled persons, are especially encouraged to apply. As part of the application process, applicants are invited to complete an on-line confidential and voluntary demographic self-disclosure form which can be found at: http://www.hr.ufl.edu/job/datacard.htm. This information is collected by the University of Florida's Faculty Development Office to track applicant trends and is in no way considered by the Smathers Libraries in the selection process.

Please submit application materials via e-mail. Send, as attachments (MS-Word format preferred), a cover letter detailing your interest in and qualifications for this position, your current resume and a list of three references. Include address, telephone and email information for references. Apply by 10/15/09 (applications will be reviewed beginning 10/1/09.) Send all required application materials to Bonnie J. Smith, Smathers Libraries Human Resources Office, at: bonniesmith@ufl.edu.