

## Dalhousie University Libraries

### Instruction/Liaison Librarian (10 month Limited Term Appointment)

September 2016 – June 2017

The Dalhousie Libraries seek a collaborative, flexible, innovative and service-oriented professional librarian to participate in teaching, collections support, general reference and research duties, including systematic review projects, evidence-based practice initiatives, and research consultations in the W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library for a 10 month limited term position (1 September 2016 – 30 June 2017). The Kellogg Health Sciences Library serves the learning, teaching and research needs of an extensive range of disciplines in the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Professions. Our services extend to students and faculty throughout Atlantic Canada, including campuses in Halifax, Truro and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and Saint John, New Brunswick.

This position reports to the Head of Kellogg Health Sciences Library on local matters and the Associate University Librarian for Access Services as an active participant in system wide initiatives and teams. The Dalhousie Libraries have a strategic interest in pursuing areas of focus in research data management (RDM), copyright, assessment, collection evaluation, bibliometric/ research impact and more. Please see our Strategic Plan for details: <http://libraries.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/library/DalhousieLibrariesStrategicPlan.pdf>

#### **Main Areas of Responsibility:**

- Act as library liaison to faculty and students in several programs at an undergraduate and graduate level.
- Work with faculty members to develop appropriate instructional content to support the goals of evidence-based and inter-professional practice.
- Establish effective communication with the students and faculty to deliver resources and services in the methods and places that work best for them, e.g. dynamic subject guides, online courseware and tutorials, mobile formats, etc.
- Teach information literacy content relevant to various levels of students in the health sciences via a range of styles and modes, both in class and online.
- Execute and assist with searches of the literature to support the development of evidence synthesis projects.
- Maintain a superior knowledge of various electronic databases used to investigate topics in medicine, dentistry and the health professions.
- Sustain proficiency in productivity tools, bibliographic managers, tutorial creation software, statistical packages, social media, mobile and other emerging technologies.
- Contribute to a positive team environment to offer general reference service for both on site and remote users, including assistance by in person appointments, via Livehelp, and other remote communication tools.

- Maintain currency with new knowledge in the field of academic health librarianship in order to contribute to evidence based practice in health sciences libraries and health education.
- Serve on various library committees, teams, and task forces within the Kellogg Health Sciences Library, the Dalhousie Libraries, and the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Professions.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Master’s degree in library/information sciences from an ALA accredited institution
- Relevant experience in a health sciences library or information environment.
- Strong advanced health database search skills
- Demonstrated ability to work in a demanding and highly interdisciplinary environment
- Superior oral and written communication skills including the ability to communicate effectively at a distance
- Strong information technology skills
- Strong team player who can demonstrate confidence, collegiality, enthusiasm, and reliability
- Proven ability to work well independently as well as within large and complex teams
- Familiarity with the academic library environment

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Demonstrated excellence in teaching and student engagement
- An undergraduate degree in a health or science discipline
- Experience supporting research needs of faculty and graduate students in an academic environment
- Experience with creation of Knowledge Synthesis search strategies in health sciences
- Interest in scholarship, professional development and service

**Salary and Benefits:**

Rank and salary are dependent upon qualifications and experience, and subject to the terms of the Dalhousie Faculty Association Collective Agreement. The position will not be filled at a rank higher than Librarian I.

**Availability of the position:**

The position has a proposed starting date of **September 1, 2016**.

Deadline for applications: **20 June 2016, 2016 4:00 p.m. ADT**

Please provide a letter of interest (addressed to Donna Bourne-Tyson, University Librarian), curriculum vitae, and the names of three references, in care of:

Janice Slauenwhite, Administrative Officer  
 Dalhousie Libraries Administration Office, Killam Library  
 6225 University Avenue  
 Halifax, NS B3H 4H8

Electronic submissions (Word or pdf) are strongly encouraged and can be sent to: [janice.slauenwhite@dal.ca](mailto:janice.slauenwhite@dal.ca)

Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from qualified Aboriginal people, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and all qualified candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community.