



DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Limited term Research Assistance & Subject Liaison Librarian

The Dalhousie Libraries seek a collaborative, flexible, innovative and service-oriented professional librarian to provide instructional services, collections support, and general reference and research consultations focusing on the biological and life sciences for a 12 month limited term position (1 March 2023 – 29 February 2024). Appointed to Killam Memorial Library and reporting to the Associate Dean and Head, Killam Memorial Library, the incumbent will assist in the provision of a range of liaison librarian services to support teaching, learning, research and outreach in the Departments of Biology, Psychology and Neuroscience, Oceanography, the Integrated Sciences program and the Medical Sciences program. The Medical Sciences portion of this position reports to the Associate Dean and Head W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library.

About Dalhousie University Libraries

Dalhousie University sits on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. Dalhousie Libraries play a critical role in the stewardship of research resources that support scholarship, knowledge transfer, and innovation. The Dalhousie Libraries system includes: the Killam Memorial Library (Arts and Social Sciences, Science, Management, Computer Science, Graduate Studies, and Open Learning & Career Development); the W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library (Medicine, Dentistry and Health); the Sexton Design & Technology Library (Engineering, Architecture and Planning); the MacRae Library (Agriculture); the Sir James Dunn Law Library (which is an integral part of the Dalhousie Libraries but reports directly to the Dean of Law); and the University Archives (located in the Killam Library) including the Agricultural Campus Archives, Special Collections and Museum holdings located in the MacRae Library. As a cohesive library system with a team comprising over 30 professional librarians and 90 staff, we celebrate the unique discipline-based needs of our users and support their shared goals to achieve excellence in teaching, learning, and research.

The Dalhousie Libraries is a member of Novanet, a consortium of Nova Scotia academic libraries sharing a common library management system (Alma), the Council of Atlantic Academic Libraries (CAAL-CBPA), and the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL), among other collaborative initiatives. Additional information is available at <http://libraries.dal.ca>, <http://www.novanet.ns.ca>, <http://caul-cbua.ca/> and <http://carl-abrc.ca>.

The Role:

As a subject liaison librarian for Biology, Psychology and Neuroscience, Medical Sciences and the first-year Integrated Science Program, the incumbent provides a range of liaison services including collections development, library instruction in a variety of formats and research assistance, working closely with colleagues from all libraries in the Dalhousie Libraries system. Instructional and research assistance sessions may be in-person, hybrid or online.

Main Areas of Responsibility:

- Serve as liaison librarian for the following departments and programs in the Faculty of Science: Biology, Psychology and Neuroscience, Oceanography, Medical Sciences, Integrated Sciences Program as well as the first and second year Science Communications curriculum
- Provide reference and information services including reference & research consultations to students, faculty and researchers
- Develop and deliver information research instruction in in-person, hybrid and online settings applying active learning methods as well as innovative educational technologies
- Collaborate with colleagues to ensure collection, research needs and learning outcomes are met
- Complete course and program collection assessments as needed
- Plan and create digital learning objects including tutorials, learning modules and instructional materials for the use of students and faculty
- Seek opportunities to engage faculty to increase their awareness of information literacy opportunities and benefits
- Instruct and assist clients on site and remotely to effectively discover, access and use the full range of library and information resources available to meet teaching, learning and research needs
- Contribute to the Dal Libraries' strategic initiatives through participation in various projects and committees, such as teaching and learning, scholarly communication and research data management
- Actively engage in continuing education/professional development

Required Qualifications:

- MLIS degree from an ALA accredited program or equivalent
- A strong commitment to public service and excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Knowledge and understanding of resources for one or more of the following disciplines: sciences, biology/life sciences, health sciences
- Ability to work successfully with a wide variety of people and to promote respect and inclusion

Preferred Qualifications:

- Undergraduate education in the sciences or equivalent experience providing liaison services in the sciences or health sciences in an academic or special library
- Experience presenting online or in-person library instructional material in a clear and well-designed manner
- Awareness of professional issues and current trends in research and instruction
- Experience managing multiple projects concurrently, setting and meeting deadlines and adapting to new and changing situations, priorities, and technologies
- Experience providing research support or reference in an academic or special library
- Experience supporting evidence synthesis projects

Salary and Benefits:

Salary 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 1 March 2023

Deadline for Applications: 20 January 2023

Application Instructions:

Submit the following information via Dalhousie University's PeopleAdmin system

(<https://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/11920>): a cover letter outlining qualifications for the position; a curriculum vitae; the contact information for at least three referees with knowledge of your work and/or recognized expertise in your discipline. Letters of reference will be solicited by the Search Committee for short-listed candidates and should not be sent with the initial application.

Assessment of applications will begin after the closing date and continue until a suitable candidate is found. The appointment will be effective 1 March 2023 or as negotiated.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Dalhousie University commits to achieving inclusive excellence through continually championing equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. The university encourages applications from Indigenous persons (especially Mi'kmaq), persons of Black/African descent (especially African Nova Scotians), and members of other racialized groups, persons with disabilities, women, and persons identifying as members of 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please visit www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity.