

Georgetown University Library | Washington, D.C. 20057

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Science Reference Librarian

The Georgetown University Library seeks a dynamic, forward thinking Science Reference Librarian to join us as we participate in the planning process for a renovated Science Library and as we prepare services and collections for a significantly expanded science faculty and their potential needs for new resources for e-science and data curation. The Blommer Science Library, a department of Lauinger Library with a staff of 4.5 FTE plus student employees, is housed in the Reiss Science Building and serves the students and faculty in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, and physics. The Science Reference Librarian is responsible for the instructional program for the sciences, including classroom instruction, library research guides, and point-of-use aids. The position provides reference, research and information services in the sciences in a traditional reference desk setting and virtually via IM and email. The Science Reference Librarian serves as the principal liaison to and bibliographer for two of the five academic departments in the sciences.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Promotes instruction in the sciences
- Prepares and teaches course-specific and other types of instruction sessions in a wide range of related subject areas
- Creates and maintains research guides for science subjects, classes, and specific assignments
- Develops point-of-need and other instructional materials for virtual and in-library research assistance
- Provides individual research consultations to students and faculty
- Interprets and analyzes information needs of students, faculty and other users of the Blommer Science Library and recommends and directs users to appropriate sources of information
- Participates in the Library's virtual reference services via IM, email, or other means
- Develops and maintains the Blommer Science Library web pages
- Is occasionally responsible for Circulation Desk services in the Blommer Science Library
- Works with faculty and graduate students in selected subject areas to learn more about their research and curricular needs, to keep them informed of the library's activities, and to integrate library resources into their research and curricular activities
- Reviews new titles via vendor notifications and standard review sources, selects materials in all formats, and monitors the library materials budget in the assigned areas of responsibility
- Conducts regular and ongoing collection assessments in the areas of subject responsibility
- Evaluates and effectively uses statistical information to make well informed collection development decisions
- Serves on library and university-wide committees and task forces
- Continually acquires new knowledge and updates skills to enhance professional performance in all areas of responsibility

The Science Reference Librarian reports directly to the Head of the Blommer Science Library and works cooperatively with other Science Library staff to maintain a high level of service for Georgetown University students, faculty, and staff as well as visiting researchers. The position works collegially with all library staff in Lauinger Library, particularly the Research and Instruction Coordinator, the Research and Instruction Librarians, and the Bibliographers.

Qualifications: Masters degree in Library or Information Science from an ALA-accredited program. Two years reference and instruction experience in an academic library required. Working knowledge of the structure of information and scholarly communication in the scientific disciplines. Ability to develop working partnerships with faculty and academic departments. Experience instructing researchers and students in the use of information resources. Undergraduate coursework in the sciences. **Preferred:** Reference and instruction experience in a science library. Bachelor of Science or advanced degree in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, or physics. Prior experience with collection development for a science field. Awareness of current developments in escience. Familiarity with the environment of a small branch or departmental library.

Salary/Benefits/Rank: Salary commensurate with experience. Comprehensive benefits package including 21 days paid leave per year; medical; TIAA/CREF; tuition assistance. This is a 12-month, Academic/Administrative Professional (AAP) appointment.

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