Brock University

Brock University is a dynamic, post-secondary educational institution that makes a difference in the lives of individuals in our Brock community, the Niagara Region, Canada, and the world. We demonstrate leadership and innovation in teaching and learning across disciplines and extend knowledge through excellence in research, scholarship, and creativity. Brock’s strategic priorities of serving the 21st century learner, leading in transdisciplinary studies and building a network of partnerships that promote prosperity, are firmly supported by our passion and our values, including innovation, integrity and respect, accountability and stewardship, sustainability and the generation and mobilization of knowledge. For more information on Brock University, please see www.brocku.ca

The opportunity

Brock University seeks nominations and applications for the position of University Librarian. The James A. Gibson Library is a member of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL), the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN), the Centre for Research Libraries (CRL), and the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL). The University library system includes the James A. Gibson Library, Map, Data & GIS Library, Special Collections & Archives, and partners with other unit library collections. With a staff of 52 of whom 20 are professional librarians, and an annual budget of $7.8 million, the Library provides services and resources to support 587 faculty and over 18,000 students registered in seven Faculties. Further details are available at the Library’s website: http://www.brocku.ca/library

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the University Librarian, as a member of the Senior Administrative Council, provides strategic leadership and oversight as the Library continues to integrate diverse resources, lead digital initiatives, engage with the community and collaborate with university units to sustain and foster an innovative research and learning community. The University Librarian is integral to the continued commitment of cultivating relationships and represents the Library both internally and externally in organizations such as OCUL, CARL, and CRKN. S/he will have a strong understanding of the current issues facing modern libraries and possess the ability to lead and manage during a period of transformational change. A collaborative leader with excellent communication skills, the University Librarian will implement a vision for a 21st century library, with an emphasis on advancing digital initiatives and services.

The successful candidate will have:
- A minimum of 10 years’ experience as a librarian in progressively more responsible administrative positions in an academic library;
- An ALA-accredited MLS degree or equivalent accreditation in library and information science;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills;
- Proven successful administrative experience, including evidence of strategic planning, budget management, and innovative initiatives;
- A demonstrated ability to develop and communicate a compelling and credible vision of the future and foster a culture of collaboration;
- A willingness and desire to work alongside our senior leaders to embrace and change in a pioneering way;
- An advanced degree in an academic discipline (an asset).

The process

The appointment, for an initial 5-year term, will commence on July 1, 2015. Consideration of candidates will begin in fall 2014, with a deadline for applications on October 31, 2014. Please include with the application a curriculum vitae, a statement of
interest in the position, and the names and contact information of three referees. All expressions of interest, applications and nominations will be held in strict confidence and should be directed to Provost and Vice-President, Academic Neil McCartney at nmccartney@brocku.ca.

Brock University is actively committed to diversity and the principles of Employment Equity and invites applications from all qualified candidates. Women, Aboriginal peoples, members of visible minorities, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. We will accommodate the needs of the applicants and the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) throughout all stages of the selection process. Please advise the committee to ensure your accessibility needs are accommodated through this process. Information received relating to accommodation measures will be addressed confidentially.