UC San Diego

Audrey Geisel University Librarian
Position Description

The University of California San Diego seeks nominations for and expressions of interest in the position of Audrey Geisel University Librarian. Reporting to the Executive Vice Chancellor, the University Librarian will be expected to carry forward UC San Diego's prominence as a leader in defining the place and capabilities of a library in the 21st century. She or he will expand the university's reach and access to print and digital collections and programming in support of research, teaching, and learning; foster internal and external partnerships and collaborations; collaborate with the communities of scholars on campus; recruit and nurture a diverse, professional staff; and garner and manage resources toward strategic goals.

The UC San Diego Library provides access to more than 7 million digital print volumes, journals, and multimedia materials. Ranked among the nation's top 25 public academic libraries, the Library is housed in four locations—the iconic Geisel Library building, the Biomedical Library building, the Eckardt building on the campus of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and the off-campus Library Annex.

The UC San Diego Library is widely recognized as an innovative leader in the development, management, and delivery of digital resources to support the university's world-class research and instruction. The first academic library in Southern California to partner with Google in its efforts to build a global digital library, the Library plays a leadership role in HathiTrust, an international partnership of 52 academic and research libraries committed to long-term digital preservation. The Library is a partner in the university's Research Cyberinfrastucture Initiative (RCI), which offers researchers the computing, network, and human infrastructure needed to create, manage, and share data; WEST (The Western Regional Storage Trust), an initiative to develop a distributed, shared retrospective journals repository among research libraries in the western U.S.; ArchivesSpace, an initiative to create a next-generation suite of software tools for managing archival collections; and Chronopolis, an initiative to create the distributed computer infrastructure needed to collect and preserve at-risk digital information for the long term. The Library's Research Data Curation Program supports the core data needs of the campus community through its services in data management, data sharing and discovery, and data preservation. The Library's resources are accessed 87,500 times daily via its website and its mobile application.

Over the years, UC San Diego has developed unique archives and special collections. Areas of exceptional strength include early voyages of exploration and discovery to the Pacific; the Spanish Civil War, the largest extant collection on this subject; post-1945 American poetry in the "alternative" tradition, including extensive collections of poets' manuscripts and correspondence; the history of San Diego, southern California, and Baja California; and contemporary science and public policy, including the personal archives of some of the nation's most renowned scientists; and the history of oceanography. The culinary history of Mexico, Latin America, and the Pacific Rim; Melanesian anthropology; and artists' books are also important collecting areas. The Dr. Seuss Collection, the world's largest repository of the beloved author's original drawings, sketches, and manuscripts, is housed within SC&A, as are the UC San

Diego Archives and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Archives, two collections of materials that document the history of the campus.

The Position

The University Librarian oversees 240 staff members and is responsible for an annual budget of $30 million. The Library's organization includes 3 Associate University Librarians, 52 additional librarians and 185 staff. As a senior academic officer, the University Librarian reports to the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, is a member of the Academic Senate, and works closely with the campus administration, the faculty, and colleagues throughout the University of California in planning and implementing the goals of the Library.

The University Librarian is responsible for the development and administration of library services and policies in support of UC San Diego's research, instructional, and patient care programs; interfacing with Information Technology Services (ITS), the San Diego Supercomputer Center (SDSC), the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology (CalIT2), and the Teaching + Learning Commons. She or he is responsible for the development of library collections, leadership and management of the Library's professional and support staff; long-range planning for service, staffing, automation, and physical facilities; administration of the annual budget; leadership in raising funds outside the University; and leadership at the local, regional, university-wide, national, and international levels on issues of concern to and the needs of academic research libraries. She or he must provide leadership for expanding the Library's contract- and grant-based initiatives.

The University Librarian must manage the business operations of the Library; evaluate and prioritize the needs for and then invest in relevant technology; implement space allocations and designs for the modern library era; strengthen ties and build coalitions with allied institutions; and advocate for the libraries and their missions. These responsibilities include the oversight, management, and care of the Library's primary capital assets, its library collections; the development of digital services, including digital reformatting of existing collections, creation of unique and original digital resources in various formats, and development of Web-based interfaces to these resources, including management of 2 petabytes+ of data storage, a user-facing research data portal, and administration of Chronopolis, the Library's long-term digital preservation infrastructure.

The University Librarian will be a leader across UC San Diego and will work closely with colleagues throughout California, the nation, and the world to promote effective library resource-sharing programs and other cooperative ventures that provide access to information resources and services for UC San Diego faculty, students, and staff. She or he will play a leadership role in the California Digital Library's (CDL) housing and delivery of digital resources; and represent the Library on campus-wide and university-wide decision-making bodies, including the Council of University Librarians. The University Librarian is also responsible for the Library's engagement with the local community as it occurs through events, exhibitions, outreach, publications, and social media.

Qualifications

Candidates must possess expertise in an academic discipline and/or the field of library/information science; a record of setting and achieving strategic goals; a deep understanding of the changing nature of scholarly communication; a vision for the new roles academic research libraries will play; demonstrated success in integrating technology to support and improve services, build collections, and enable innovative programming; a proven record of managing resources effectively; a commitment to developing best practices for the acquisition, preservation, and use of printed and digital materials; and an uncompromising commitment to academic excellence, to the highest ethical standards, and to the creation and support of a vibrant and broadly diverse community of faculty, students and staff across the University.

The successful candidate will have extensive knowledge and experience in providing effective library services to support a university's mission of teaching, research and public service; and significant experience and knowledge of state-of-the-art developments in advanced technologies and information systems in higher education, such as networked information technologies, library information databases and systems, academic and enterprise computing, and digital library systems. She or he will have demonstrated success in grant writing and in fundraising; commitment to and success in achieving institutional diversity goals, and the ability to direct and supervise professional and classified staff. A relevant graduate degree is required.

The University

Established in 1960, UC San Diego now ranks as one of the top 15 research universities in the world with a commitment to driving innovation and change to advance society, propel economic growth, and make the world a better place. Annual research expenditures exceed $1 billion annually, placing the University 6th in the nation for total research output by the journal *Nature* in their 2016 index; and 5th in the nation for total research and development expenditures by the National Science Foundation (NSF). UC San Diego helps sustain an active, entrepreneurial ecosystem in the surrounding community with 2900 inventions disclosed and 650 companies formed around technologies spun-out from the University. From 2009 to 2014, 91 alumni raised over $740 million in venture capital.

UC San Diego consists of six undergraduate colleges, five academic divisions, and five graduate and professional schools. The main campus is located near the Pacific Ocean on 1,200 acres of coastal woodland in La Jolla, California. Unique among the campuses in the UC System, UC San Diego offers undergraduates the "small college" concept patterned after those at Cambridge and Oxford universities. Each of the six undergraduate colleges has its own residence halls, student services, and traditions. The University is also home to the San Diego Supercomputer Center and Gordon, one of the fastest supercomputers in the world, with 4 petabytes of disk storage, 64 terabytes of random access memory and 300 terabytes of flash memory. Gordon has the ability to tackle the most vexing data-intensive challenges, from mapping genomes to creating ultra-detailed simulations of earth quakes. The Scripps Institution of Oceanography, founded in 1903 and incorporated into UC San Diego in 1960, is one of the oldest and largest centers for ocean and Earth science research, public service, undergraduate and graduate training in the world.

UC San Diego has nationally ranked programs across the academic spectrum in engineering, fine arts, health sciences, humanities and social sciences, and the natural sciences. The University ranks first in the nation in enrolling and graduating women in the STEM-disciplines. The UC San Diego Academic Medical Center is among the nation's best, with a long history of bench to bedside research and excellent training.

The Search

Inquiries, nominations and applications are invited. Although the search will remain open until the position is filled, review of candidate materials will begin immediately. Candidates should provide a curriculum vitae, a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described herein, a statement on his or her contributions to diversity, and the names and contact information of five references. *References will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval of the candidates.*

Materials should be sent electronically via e-mail to the university's consultant, Dr. Jonathan Fortescue of Park Square Executive Search, at 92270@parksquare.com. Documents that must be mailed may be sent to Jonathan Fortescue, Ph.D., Managing Partner, or Kyle Meingast, Principal, Park Square Executive Search, LLC, 125 Summer Street, 18th Floor, Boston, MA 02110. Phone: 617-401-2991.

The University of California San Diego is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Diversity is a defining feature of the University of California, which embraces it as a source of strength. Differences — of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, socioeconomic status, abilities, experience and more — enhance the university's ability to achieve its core missions of public service, teaching, and research. UC welcomes faculty, staff and students from all backgrounds and wants everyone at UC to feel respected and valued. The President of the University of California endorsed the most recent diversity statement in 2010.

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