Position: #102465 Science Liaison Librarian, Reference and Instructional Services
(Pay Grade 29E)

Deadline date for applications: November 17, 2014

Description: The University of Delaware Library seeks a creative and dynamic professional librarian for the position of Science Liaison Librarian to join a team of colleagues in the delivery of excellent and responsive research, information and instructional services. This position reports to the Head, Reference and Instructional Services Department.

This position serves as liaison to assigned communities, which will be drawn from among Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, and possibly other science subjects based on the successful candidate’s qualifications and library needs. The Science Liaison Librarian has responsibility for provision of instruction, collection development and research support in the assigned subject areas. In collaboration with others, the Science Liaison Librarian also provides general reference services in-person and online, including some evening and weekend hours, and provides instruction in the use and searching of electronic and traditional library resources. The position has a dotted line reporting responsibility to the Head, Collection Development Department for collection related activities for which there is an identified budget. Essential responsibilities include: liaison to assigned communities with the ability to develop and sustain effective working relationships and foster collaborations and partnerships with faculty, students and administrators in assigned areas; provision of the entire range of in-person and online reference services; provision of instruction/information literacy services; building of collections that meet the research and curricular needs of undergraduate and graduate students and faculty in the sciences; development of content for assigned subject areas including course guides, subject guides and other instructional and outreach materials; active engagement in professional development and other scholarly activities.

Qualifications: ALA accredited graduate library degree. Experience, coursework, or demonstrated awareness of science subject areas. Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively. Excellent written and oral communication, interpersonal communication and public presentation skills. Strong commitment to service excellence. Flexibility, adaptability, and the ability to work successfully in a complex, dynamic environment with competing demands. Internet, word processing, database, and spreadsheet skills. Commitment to professional growth. Preferred: Graduate or undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline. Knowledge of information sources related to biological sciences and chemistry research. Experience with library instruction using appropriate technologies. Collection development experience in an academic or research library. Knowledge of the unique information needs of scientists. Awareness of emerging trends in science librarianship. Knowledge of learning management systems and distance education.

General Information: The University of Delaware has a long tradition of excellence beginning in 1743 and extending to the research-intensive, technologically advanced institution of today. The University of Delaware provides a broad range of academic programs at the undergraduate, master, and doctoral levels. There are over 1,100 full-time faculty and 4,000 staff serving a student
body of over 21,000. The University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware, with its beautiful 970 acre campus, is situated one hour from Philadelphia and two hours from New York and Washington, DC. The Library makes accessible a broad range of electronic resources, including approximately 50,000 electronic and print journals, over 370 databases, and over 26,000 videos. Library collections, which are broadly based and comprehensive, include over 2.8 million volumes. The Morris Library, where the main collection is housed, is a six-acre, four-floor building which has undergone several major renovations, most recently including a refurbishment of the main Information Room completed in the Fall of 2014. The Morris Library has 275 public access workstations, wireless access in all public areas, and a state-of-the-art 15,000 square foot Student Multimedia Design Center. In July 2014, the University of Delaware Library became the first member of the Association of Research Libraries to replace its traditional Library Information System with OCLC’s WMS (WorldShare Management Services) cloud based system. The University of Delaware Library is a member of the Association of Research Libraries, Center for Research Libraries, Coalition for Networked Information, Council on Library and Information Resources, Digital Library Federation, OCLC Research Partnership, SPARC, HathiTrust, the National Digital Stewardship Alliance and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM). More information about the Library is available at http://www.udel.edu/library.

Benefits: Vacation of 22 working days. TIAA-CREF or Fidelity retirement with 11% of salary contributed by the University. Tuition remission for dependents and spouses, and course fee waiver for employee. Full information about University of Delaware benefits is available online: http://www.udel.edu/Benefits/

Appointment: Appointment will be at the level of Assistant Librarian or Senior Assistant Librarian with rank and salary dependent upon experience and qualifications. New graduates of ALA accredited graduate degree programs are encouraged to apply. The current University of Delaware Library Rank and Promotion System document is available online at http://www2.lib.udel.edu/personnel/promo.htm.

To Apply: Include cover letter and resume, along with the names and contact information of three employment references, in a single document, following University of Delaware application instructions at http://www.udel.edu/udjobs/ by November 17, 2014.

Equal Employment Opportunity

Employment offers will be conditioned upon successful completion of a criminal background check. A conviction will not necessarily exclude you from employment.

The University of Delaware is an Equal Opportunity Employer which encourages applications from Minority Group Members, Women, Individuals with Disabilities and Veterans. The University’s Notice of Non-Discrimination can be found at http://www.udel.edu/aboutus/legalnotices.html