Open Educational Resources and Scholarly Communication Librarian – Scholarly Communication and Publishing Unit

The University Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is seeking an Open Educational Resource (OER) and Scholarly Communication Librarian to participate in OER outreach and education services to encourage OER adoption, adaption, and publication of new OER. This position serves as part of the Scholarly Communication and Publishing Unit and reports directly to the unit head.

The University of Illinois Library has emerging OER services including publication of open textbooks through the library publishing program in addition to outreach to foster OER adoption, adaption, and creation. Members of the library are also partners, with the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), on a grant to foster OER creation in the field of medicine. This role offers the opportunity to build on these emerging services and explore new directions with collaborators in the library and across campus.

Specific duties include but are not limited to:

- Lead OER outreach and education services to encourage OER adoption, adaption of OER for local contexts, and publication of new OER.
- Participate in OER publishing workflows with the library-based press, the Illinois Open Publishing Network (IOPN), or with partners such as CARLI through OER grant and other initiatives.
- Monitor developments in OER legislation, policy, and practice, and educate internal stakeholders on these developments and issues related to OER and course materials affordability.
- Assess impact of OER efforts, including development of metrics for internal use or external reporting.
- Participate (in lighter way or alternating during course of time) in other scholarly communication services including the institutional repository (IDEALS), copyright, and open access outreach.
- Pursue professional development and continued learning relevant to the position through participation in regular unit training, collaboration with other librarians, work time allotted to self-study, and other opportunities that arise.

Qualifications

Required:
• Master’s degree from an ALA-accredited Library and Information Science program (or an equivalent degree); OR Ph.D. in a relevant field earned between 2018-2022.
  o Degree conferral for Master’s or Ph.D. must be by August 2022.
• Demonstrated ability to exercise independent judgment.
• Demonstrated ability to work collegially and cooperatively with others in a team environment.
• Demonstrated excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills.
• Demonstrated awareness of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility best practices.
• Potential to contribute to the national and international reputation of the University Library through professional research, service, and collaboration with colleagues and organizations.
• Familiarity with or demonstrated interest in the area(s) of librarianship relevant to the specific residency position(s) for which the candidate is applying.

Preferred
• Attention to detail.
• Ability to learn and experiment with new publishing, repository, or other open educational resource (OER) technologies.
• Demonstrated interest in open educational resources.
• Awareness of best practices for accessibility of digital resources.
• Ability to learn relevant copyright issues for OER, particularly Creative Commons licensing and fair use.