Science Librarian

Colby College seeks a Science Librarian who is innovative and curious, adaptive and collaborative. The successful candidate will be fearless about engaging with sciences faculty, students and other campus partners to shape a dynamic 21st century teaching, learning and research environment.

Primary responsibilities:

The Sciences Librarian is a member of the Scholarly Resources and Services (SRS) group of librarians who, as liaisons to students and faculty in academic departments, provide a range of reference services, course-related library instruction and collection support. The Sciences Librarian is the liaison to all departments in the Natural Sciences Division (Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Astronomy) as well as to interdisciplinary programs in Environmental Studies, and Science, Technology & Society. The Sciences Librarian’s office is within the Science Library, which is part of the science complex.

A critical aspect of this position involves maintaining a strong presence in the College’s science community, building and maintaining close relations with faculty and students in order to meet their teaching, learning, research, and publication needs. The librarian will be expected to develop expertise in data issues and provide leadership for the Libraries in supporting data management and advocating for digital publishing/repository services. The librarian will provide direct support for teaching and learning by providing instruction/lab sessions, workshops, web-based guides and tutorials, and targeted reference services, through individual and group consultations and regular office hours. Also in conjunction with the science faculty, the librarian will assess digital and print collections to ensure access to resources that support their research and teaching.

This is a full-time, 12-month faculty position without rank, with the opportunity for sabbaticals. Colby librarians collaborate with our CBB consortial colleagues at the Bowdoin and Bates College libraries. They are encouraged to serve on college-wide committees, and to participate in professional development activities.

Colby College is located in Waterville, Maine, which offers numerous cultural and outdoor recreational opportunities within the city limits and is undergoing a major downtown revitalization effort. Whether you lean towards world-class hiking, dining or museums, or funky country fairs and Grange hall dances, all are easy daytrips from Waterville.

Minimum qualifications:

ALA-accredited MLS/MLIS
Strong written, presentation and interpersonal communication skills.
Learner-centered orientation
An interest in and capacity to understand current research and information sources in a broad range of science disciplines.
Desire to maintain current awareness and comfort with technology pertaining to the sciences and science librarianship. Experience creating web-based learning tools.

**Preferred qualifications:**

Undergraduate degree in a science discipline or academic library experience providing science information services
Teaching experience, including developing learning outcomes, activities and assessment.
Knowledge of and experience with trends in data management and experience in crafting data management plans
Ability to work independently and collaboratively

To express interest, please send a cover letter/statement of interest, curriculum vitae, separate statements detailing teaching philosophy and research interests, and names and contact information for three references as .pdf attachments to Stephanie Frost, Administrative Assistant, Colby College Libraries at sciencelibrarian@colby.edu.

Review of applications will begin on June 1, 2016 and continue until the position is filled. Preferred start date is September 1, 2016. For more information about the Colby College Libraries, contact Clem Guthro, Director of Libraries at cpguthro@colby.edu.

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