

STETSON UNIVERSITY

Dean of Library and Learning Technologies

Stetson University seeks a visionary and collaborative leader as its Dean of Library and Learning Technologies. The Dean is responsible for integrating library and learning technology resources and services with our interdisciplinary curriculum, in coordination with other academic support units and the faculty at large. The Dean advocates a role for the library in teaching and learning innovation, including supporting a growing program of technology-enhanced learning that emphasizes Stetson's core learning value of active engagement, and that enhances Stetson's deepening commitment to international learning. The ability to make an active and original contribution to the University's mission is essential.

The Dean, reporting directly to the Provost, will be expected to give special attention to the following:

Leadership, Management, and Strategic Planning: The successful candidate will provide leadership, planning and oversight for the duPont-Ball Library in support of the academic mission of Stetson University. Along with responsibility for the Library's resources and services, its faculty, staff, and facilities, the Dean sets the strategic direction of the Library, measures and acts upon key performance indicators, generates resources, and manages those resources. The Dean will work closely with the deans of the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Music, and the School of Business Administration; Stetson's Chief Technology Officer; the Academic Technology Committee; the Associate Provost for Faculty Development; the Assistant Provost for Student Success; and the Director of the Dolly & Homer Hand Law Library at Stetson University's College of Law, among others. This position also serves as primary liaison between the duPont-Ball Library, the Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida network of academic libraries, and the larger library and learning technologies professional communities.

Emerging Technologies: The ideal candidate must possess an in-depth and contemporary understanding of the evolving roles of academic libraries in higher education; emergent technologies for identifying, accessing, organizing, and interacting with knowledge and information; emergent technologies for enhancing student engagement and learning, and other trends in higher education. The ideal candidate must skillfully articulate a clear vision for leading the Library as an engine of intellectual excellence and innovation at Stetson.

Development, Fundraising, and Grant-Writing: The Dean is expected to be an effective fundraiser, grant writer, and public advocate, in collaboration with the University's Development staff. The successful candidate should demonstrate excellent communication skills and an ability to work with donors and potential donors.

Minimum Qualifications:

Master of Library Science (MLS) from an ALA-accredited institution required; Ph.D. preferred.

Demonstrated history of publication and professional leadership to meet University tenure and promotion requirements.

At least five years of progressively more responsible administrative experience, preferably in an academic library of a similar size and mission.

Demonstrated experience with teaching and learning technologies at the college level.

Demonstrated experience in personnel management.

Demonstrated experience in budget management.

Demonstrated success in fundraising and/or grant-writing.

Knowledge of intellectual property and copyright issues.

Excellent communication, presentation, and negotiation skills.

THE UNIVERSITY:

Founded in 1883, Stetson (<http://www.stetson.edu>) is a private, selective liberal arts university. The University's historic campus, located in DeLand, midway between Daytona Beach and Orlando, enrolls 2,100 undergraduates in programs in the Arts & Sciences, Business, and Music. Stetson has regularly been ranked among the South's best regional universities and was the first private college in Florida to be granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Our undergraduate and graduate professional programs in Business, Education, Music, and Law (at our Gulfport and Tampa campuses) are highly regarded nationally.

The academic program is centered on a strong core of liberal learning in the context of a wide array of arts and sciences and professional programs. Stetson University provides an inspiring education, one that engages students with rigorous and creative study and promotes their values of personal and social responsibility. Our students cultivate their abilities to explore issues, think critically, reason empirically, express persuasively, and connect ideas creatively across their studies and life experiences. Our vibrant community of teacher-scholars nurtures the unique potential of individual students to prepare them to rise to the challenges of shaping the future, locally, nationally, and globally. The Stetson University community is dedicated to being one of inclusive excellence where people from all backgrounds can live, learn, work and contribute.

THE LIBRARY:

The duPont-Ball Library has a collection of approximately 395,000 print volumes and a large collection of electronic journals, databases, and e-books, as well as a collection of scores and recordings in support of the School of Music. In 1887, Stetson became the first Congressionally-designated depository in Florida for federal publications. The library staff includes 8 library faculty, 2 administrative staff, and 10 FTE support staff. The library is a member of LYRISIS, uses Sirsi's integrated system, and is implementing the Ebsco Discovery Service. A growing Archives and Special Collections initiative uses ContentDM software. The ongoing library fundraising program has resulted in library endowments totaling \$1.8 million in the last nine years. Additional information may be obtained through the Library's home page (<http://www.stetson.edu/library/>).

THE COMMUNITY:

DeLand is a picturesque residential community of 25,000 located 20 miles west of Daytona Beach and 35 miles northeast of Orlando. The area offers extensive cultural as well as recreational activities.

SALARY:

Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications

POSITION AVAILABLE:

September 1, 2011

APPLICATION:

Applicants must send the following materials for consideration: 1) cover letter that includes a statement about the candidate's vision for the role of the library and learning technologies in contemporary higher education; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) a list of professional references; and contact information electronically to Betty Whiteman, Director of Human Resources at bwhitema@stetson.edu or by mail to

Dean of Library and Learning Technologies Search Committee
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Review of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Stetson University, an equal opportunity employer, affirms the values and goals of diversity and strongly encourages applications from women and groups historically underrepresented in higher education.