

# STETSON UNIVERSITY

## **POSITION:** Research and Learning Librarian (Assistant Professor)

You have great ideas about libraries and want to help create an exceptional innovative academic library in today's fast-paced technological learning environment. You want to support services, instruction, and technologies that will engage students and encourage learning. You want to serve as a role model for students from diverse backgrounds. You want to work collaboratively with a small team of librarians and staff in a place where you can make a difference.

Stetson University seeks a collaborative and dynamic **Research and Learning Librarian** for a full-time appointment as a tenure-track faculty member at the rank of Assistant Professor. The Research and Learning Librarian is responsible, through the application of established policies and procedures, for providing and coordinating research services and participating in the library's information literacy instruction program. Working collaboratively, the Research and Learning Librarian will coordinate, promote, and enhance library research services. In addition to practicing the specific skill sets described below, it is assumed that the librarian in this position will participate in the professional activities and University service required of a tenure-track faculty member.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Tenure-track Assistant Professor: Master of Library & Information Science (MLS/MLIS) is required; experience with library research, reference services, and instruction preferred. Second Master's degree preferred.

All Stetson librarians are expected to contribute to general reference and research services and function well as a member of a collaborative team.

The successful candidate will demonstrate knowledge of best practices, issues, and trends in research assistance, reference services, and library/classroom instruction. In addition, the successful tenure-track candidate should have the demonstrated ability or potential to engage in publication and professional service to meet University tenure and promotion requirements.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

This position reports to the Director of Public Services. The Research and Learning Librarian will be expected to give special attention to the following:

- Coordinates the library's Research Services Team
- Sets the on-call Ask A Librarian (research help) schedule each semester, in consultation with research librarians
- Provides leadership in short- and long-range planning for research services
- Promotes Ask A Librarian services to the Stetson community
- Provides research assistance in person, via telephone, text, and email and by appointment in an on-call research help environment, currently including up to 15 hours on-call and one evening shift per week
- Maintains currency regarding reference, research, and database sources
- Collects and reports reference statistics
- Assists patrons in locating library materials and in the use of print and online resources

- Assists patrons by responding to routine queries regarding the use of or problems with computers, printers, copiers, or micro-format machines when information desk staff cannot respond adequately to the user
- Identifies and selects materials to add to or withdraw from the library's reference collection, general collection, and assigned collection development areas
- Serves as back-up for the evening and weekend circulation supervisors when on-call
- Participates in the library's information literacy program
- Serves as the administrator for Research Guides using Springshare's LibGuides platform
- Maintains active participation as a library professional and as a Stetson University faculty member.

#### **THE DUPONT-BALL LIBRARY:**

The duPont-Ball Library (<http://stetson.edu/library>) has a collection of approximately 245,000 print volumes and large collections of electronic journals, databases, and e-books, as well as a collection of scores and recordings in support of the School of Music. The library staff includes 8 library faculty members and 13 support staff. The library is a member of LYRASIS and uses OCLC's WMS system. The ongoing library fundraising program has resulted in library endowments totaling more than \$5M. Librarians are tenure-track faculty members who hold leadership positions on campus committees and are actively engaged in scholarly activities, professional organizations, and service.

#### **THE UNIVERSITY:**

Founded in 1883, Stetson University (<http://www.stetson.edu>) is a private, selective university comprised of a rich array of liberal arts and professional academic programs. Collectively, Stetson's faculty works with more than 3,000 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University's historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls more than 2,500 students in undergraduate programs in the College of Arts & Sciences, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Music. Stetson University College of Law, Florida's first law school, is in Gulfport, and, with the addition of the Tampa Law Center, serves approximately 1,000 students working full-time or part-time toward J.D. or LL.M. degrees. Graduate programs offered at the main campus include Business, Accounting, Educational Leadership, and Counseling. Florida's oldest private institution of higher learning, Stetson has regularly been ranked among the best regional universities in the Southeast and was the first private college in Florida to be granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Stetson University provides an inspiring education that engages students with rigorous academic and creative study grounded in liberal learning and promotes civic values of personal and social responsibility. Working closely with faculty and with one another, students cultivate abilities to explore issues deeply, think critically, reason empirically, speak persuasively, and connect ideas creatively. Firmly committed to inclusive excellence, our vibrant community of teacher-scholars nurtures the potential of individual students to lead lives of significance and prepares each to meet the challenges of shaping the future—locally, nationally, and globally.

#### **THE COMMUNITY:**

DeLand is a picturesque residential community of 38,000 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.

**STARTING DATE:** Summer 2023

**APPLICATION:** Applicants should supply a cover letter, a detailed current vita, and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references. All information may be submitted electronically to Susan Ryan, Dean of the duPont-Ball Library and Learning Technologies, at [sryan@stetson.edu](mailto:sryan@stetson.edu). Review of applications will continue until position is filled. All correspondence will be held in strictest confidence.

*Stetson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that affirms cultural diversity and inclusion as a core value of academic excellence at Stetson University. We are committed to achieving equal access in education, employment, and participation through the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds, and to meaningful academic and intellectual transformation in curriculum, research and service. We are dedicated to actions and policies that foster a community in which individuals with various identities, cultures, backgrounds, and viewpoints work together to create opportunities for engagement through rewarding and fulfilling careers and personal experiences in a culturally and racially diverse society and a globalized world. We strongly encourage members of historically under-represented and economically disadvantaged groups and women to apply for employment. Stetson University is an EEO, ADA, ADEA, and GINA employer.*