Associate Dean of the Library - Search # 67335
Zach S. Henderson Library

Georgia Southern University invites nominations and applications for the position of Associate Dean of the Zach S. Henderson Library.

Georgia Southern University, classified as a doctoral/research institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, is a member of the University System of Georgia. As the largest and most comprehensive research institution in southeast Georgia, the University is a residential campus of more than 20,500 students representing 48 states and 89 nations.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Georgia Southern offers a comprehensive array of baccalaureate degrees and selected master's and doctoral programs through eight colleges: Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Information Technology, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Public Health, Science and Mathematics, and Graduate Studies. With an emphasis on academic distinction, excellent teaching, research, and student success, Georgia Southern offers both undergraduate and graduate students an attractive campus environment that encourages learning, discovery, and personal growth.

Founded in 1906, Georgia Southern lays claim to being the most beautiful campus in the state. Comprising more than 900 acres, the University grounds are an arboretum-like treasure featuring gently rolling lawns, scenic ponds, and soaring pines. Located in Statesboro, a safe Main Street community of approximately 30,000 residents not far from Savannah and Hilton Head Island, Georgia Southern provides the benefits of a major university with the feeling of a smaller college.

Within this setting, the Zach S. Henderson Library’s mission is to support the University by providing access to information, collections, and services designed to meet the scholarly needs of the University. In addition, the Library promotes independent lifelong learning, employs a learner-centered service ethic, and ensures a comfortable and secure study environment.

Position Description: Reporting to the Dean of the Library, the Associate Dean represents the Dean as needed and serves on a senior leadership team responsible for decision-making, resource management, strategic direction and development of policies for all library operations and services within a collaborative, team-oriented environment. The Associate Dean works closely with the Dean of the Library on strategic planning, assessment of effectiveness, facilities maintenance and planning, fund raising, and grants development. In addition, the Associate Dean plays an important role in advocating for the Library to campus constituencies, consortia, and regional and national organizations. The Associate Dean will be expected to function independently, take initiative, and set goals and priorities in a dynamic changing environment. The position is a 12-month, tenure-track faculty appointment at the associate or full professor rank, with rank and salary commensurate with experience. Minimum is $80,000 per year.

Required Qualifications:
• Master’s degree from an ALA-accredited school of library/information science or foreign equivalent.
• Minimum of five years of significant, progressive management and supervisory experience in an academic library setting.
• Strong record of ongoing scholarly publication and national participation in professional societies suitable for appointment at the rank of associate professor or professor.
• Excellent oral, writing, and interpersonal skills.
• Ability to interact collegially and effectively with all internal and external constituencies, and to work in a collegial environment with shared governance.
• Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution
• Minimum of 5 years full-time experience in librarianship at the associate professor rank is required for the rank of professor along with a strong record of research and service with substantial publications and presentations in professional venues.

Preferred Qualifications:

• A second post-baccalaureate degree.
• Demonstrated commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity.
• Experience with strategic planning, assessment, resource allocation, staff recruitment and management within an academic library.
• Experience in developing and implementing strategic plans and projects.
• Experience with new information technologies, evolving models of scholarship, open access, open data, and open educational resources.
• Experience with current issues and best practices in the assessment, development, and application of information technologies and services in libraries and higher education.

Screening of applications begins September 28, and continues until the position is filled. The position is available January 1, 2016. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; an original essay of one or two pages describing the primary challenges facing academic libraries over the next five years; a curriculum vitae; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references, one of whom must be a current or former supervisor. Other documentation may be requested. Only complete applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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