

# 12-Month, Tenure-Track Assistant/Associate Librarian (Health Science Librarian)- FULL POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Libraries are seeking candidates for a Health Sciences Librarian, a tenure-track faculty position. The position is for an inclusive, user-focused, and collegial librarian. The Health Sciences Librarian will report to the Head of Professional Programs and be located on the Health Sciences Campus in Grand Rapids.

Health Sciences Librarians are liaisons to the university's health sciences programs, such as Allied Health, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy. As a Liaison Librarian, they collaborate with faculty to provide learning opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. Liaisons also engage in library instruction, including first-year writing; research services; and use subject knowledge to support the work of collections, systems, and scholarly communications. They demonstrate a commitment to student success, an understanding of the liberal education mission, and work collaboratively and independently within a dynamic team-based organization.

This position will give the selected candidate the opportunity to:

**CREATE**— Liaison Librarians identify and implement new and emerging trends, best practices, and models in instruction and research support as well as scholarly engagement. They develop projects that align with their areas of focus and anticipate the future needs of the Libraries.

**COLLABORATE**— Liaison Librarians work collaboratively to ensure instructional and research services are meeting the needs of users. They have opportunities to work with faculty, staff, and students across the University. We invite applicants who have a user-focused, innovative, and creative approach to their work.

**GROW**— GVSU Librarians are full members of the university faculty with a 12-month appointment. Librarians must possess the potential to fulfill the University Libraries' requirements for promotion and tenure by engaging in scholarship, professional development, and service to the institution, including faculty governance. Additionally, as a faculty position, there will be opportunities to provide leadership on Libraries and University committees.

In support of this requirement, GVSU and the GVSU Libraries have a culture that encourages professional growth and development. Funding for conference travel and the dissemination of scholarly output is provided by both the Libraries and the University via internal grants. For more information on how GVSU supports travel and scholarship, please see the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center grants page at <https://www.gvsu.edu/ftlc/grants-47.htm> and the Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence dissemination travel grant page at <https://www.gvsu.edu/csce/dissemination-travel-grant-13.htm>.

**BELONG**— The University Libraries are committed to inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility. We strive to provide an environment in which all members of the campus community feel welcome, safe, supported, respected, and valued. All library staff and faculty are active in the ongoing work of identifying and eliminating barriers to ensure that all members of the library community are able to fully participate in library spaces and services. We work to ensure that our tools, devices, services, and environments are available and usable by as many people as possible.

**DISCOVER** more about the benefits GVSU offers by visiting <https://gvsu.edu/library/hiring>, the GVSU Wellness website (<https://www.gvsu.edu/bewellgv>), or the GVSU HR site (<https://www.gvsu.edu/hro>). For more information, visit our FAQ: <https://gvsu.edu/library/hiring>

**Salary range:** \$54,000-\$58,000

**Interested in applying?** Go to <http://jobs.gvsu.edu> and search for Librarian. Application deadline is March 1, 2022. A complete application will include: (1) a cover letter addressing how you meet the qualifications, your motivation to work at GVSU, and your commitment to inclusion with examples of addressing diversity, inclusion, and equity in your work, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) contact information of three professional references to contact only after candidate approval, and (4) degree transcripts (unofficial issued to students are acceptable to apply). The online application will allow applicants to attach these documents electronically. If you need assistance, call Human Resources at 616-331-2215.

**Questions?** Feel free to contact Kristin Meyer ([meyerkr@gvsu.edu](mailto:meyerkr@gvsu.edu)), search committee chair.

# Qualifications

## Required Qualifications

- Master's Degree awarded by or before August 2022 from a program accredited by the American Library Association (ALA) or from a program in a country with a formal accreditation process as identified by ALA
- Demonstrated ability to work flexibly, as the position balances independent and collaborative work, as well as a mix of meeting immediate user needs and longer-term strategic work
- Strong time management skills
- Demonstrated ability to communicate clearly verbally and in writing
- Demonstrated ability to interact with others with respect and empathy to accomplish shared goals
- Demonstrated teamwork skills complemented by the ability to take initiative
- Understand Health Sciences terminology and concepts of evidence-based medicine
- Commitment to inclusion, equity, and accessibility in order to provide excellent customer service to a diverse population

## Preferred Qualifications:

- Undergraduate or graduate coursework, degree, or work experience in health sciences
- Knowledge of or experience developing and delivering instructional programming
- Experience using research tools and collections to support learning or research
- Ability to learn and use new instructional technologies

Grand Valley State University Libraries are a recipient of the Association of College and Research Libraries 2012 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award and a member of the ACRL Diversity Alliance. GVSU is a public Doctoral/Professional regional university anchored in Liberal Education. The University is located in west Michigan with campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids and Holland, plus centers in Muskegon and Traverse City. The University attracts more than 24,000 students with high quality programs and state-of-the-art facilities. The greater Grand Rapids metropolitan area has a population of over one million, is rich in cultural amenities, and within easy driving distance of superb summer and winter recreational venues.