

## Library Fellow at Valparaiso University

Christopher Center Library Services and Valparaiso University are committed to fostering a diverse student body and faculty. We are pleased to announce an open position for the 2016-18 Library Fellow. This two-year faculty position provides the opportunity for an entry-level librarian, with a demonstrated commitment to diverse and historically underrepresented groups, to gain professional experience as an academic librarian.

As a member of the University faculty, the Library Fellow should be interested in working at a university engaged in issues in Christian higher education and in the Lutheran tradition. She or he will also demonstrate a commitment to cultural diversity and the ability to work with individuals or groups from diverse backgrounds. The Library Fellow will benefit from immediate opportunities in scholarly and professional development, faculty governance of the library, library policy creation, and service on library and campus committees and task forces. Current library faculty are engaged in a wide range of professional and campus-related activities, from embedded librarianship to scholarly communication initiatives, from writing-across-the-curriculum programming to changing service models, and welcome a new colleague's interests and insights.

The program is designed for a two-year commitment. During the first year, the librarian will gain meaningful, introductory work experience within the library's centralized Library Research Services Department, encompassing information literacy, digital learning materials, programming, outreach, assessment, and access services. In consultation with the Director of Library Research Services, and other librarians as appropriate, the Library Fellow will begin to develop an original research project, one which can be conducted during the fellowship, culminating in a presentation or peer-reviewed publication. Also across both years, the Library Fellow will have the opportunity to partner with another librarian as a subject liaison to an academic program. Liaison work includes providing specialized student information literacy instruction and consultation, collaborating with disciplinary faculty, and working with collections and information resources in specific subject areas.

### Required Qualifications

A candidate will provide evidence of

- an ALA-accredited Master's Degree, or equivalent, by the time of appointment;
- a distinct interest in academic librarianship;
- a demonstrable commitment to diversity;
- strong communication skills;
- an engagement with teaching and student success;
- the capability to work both independently and collaboratively in the team environment, and
- experience with current and emerging technologies.

A candidate must be authorized to work in the United States for the full duration of the program.

### Status, Salary, and Benefits

This is a full-time, non-tenure track faculty appointment at the Lecturer level with yearly 12 month contracts. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The position offers immediate eligibility for the [full benefits package](#) (TIAA/CREF retirement; life insurance; medical, dental, and vision care benefits). This position also receives 20 vacation days in addition to [University holidays](#) and other [fringe benefits and special discounts](#).

### Timeline

With an expected start date of July 1, 2016, review of applications will begin immediately. Those received before noon, January 26, 2016, will receive full consideration. Review will continue until the suitable candidate is hired for the position.

### Application Procedure

All application materials must be submitted electronically via the Interfolio system (<http://apply.interfolio.com/33523>):

- A letter of application,
- a 350-550 word essay, detailing your experience and interest in the position as they relate to diversity as reflected in Valparaiso University's [Statement of Philosophy on Diversity](#),
- a current resume, and
- contact information for three professional references.

Valparaiso University, a community of learning dedicated to excellence and grounded in the Lutheran tradition of scholarship, freedom, and faith, prepares students to lead and serve in both church and society. Located one hour southeast of Chicago on a 310-acre campus, Valpo is a comprehensive undergraduate and graduate university with enrollment of about 4,500 students in its Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business Administration, Nursing & Health Professions, Engineering, and Christ College (Honors College); the Graduate School; and the School of Law.

The award-winning Christopher Center for Library and Information Services provides active learning environments in which students, faculty, and staff use innovative tools and resources to create and access information intelligently, efficiently, and with integrity.

Valparaiso University does not unlawfully discriminate and aims to employ persons of various backgrounds and experiences to develop and support a diverse community. Its entire EOE policy can be found at <http://www.valpo.edu/equalopportunity/index.php>.

Successful applicants will demonstrate a commitment to cultural diversity and the ability to work with individuals or groups from diverse backgrounds. In addition to strong academic qualifications and excellence in teaching, the University highly values experience in working across cultural and other significant differences.