Call for Expressions of Interest – CARL Visiting Program Officer for OER

The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) is the national voice of Canada's twenty-nine largest university libraries and two federal institutions. A bilingual not-for-profit organization, CARL coordinates national initiatives across its member institutions and promotes their causes to achieve excellence in research and higher education.

CARL invites applications for a Visiting Program Officer (VPO) focused in the area of open educational resources (OER). The position will entail work for CARL of a minimum of one day per week and is expected to start in March 2019, for a period of one year**. The deadline to apply is Friday, January 18, 2019.**

DESCRIPTION:

In 2018, CARL identified OER leadership as an important area for capacity building within its institutions. CARL has identified a number of activities and programs designed to bolster practice and support the development of national leadership in this area.

To realize this program of initiatives, a Canadian research librarian with expertise in OER will join CARL as Visiting Program Officer on loan from their home institution for one year, at a minimum of 20% of their time. There is no salary remuneration from CARL associated with this position; the home institution continues to pay the Visiting Program Officer's salary. Benefits arising from this experience for the incumbent and home institution include broadened experience and knowledge gained from working on a national initiative; while CARL and its members advance a common priority.

RESPONSIBILITY:

In collaboration with CARL's full-time Program Officer supporting the Advancing Research Committee's initiatives, the VPO will take a leading role in planning and delivering CARL's OER effort, working closely with the CARL OER Working Group to shape CARL's slate of OER-related activities and communications plan and deliver these activities, including but not limited to the OER Leadership Bootcamp, the OER Library Roadshow, and communication activities related to OER.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a librarian based at a Canadian post-secondary institution;
- Must have obtained library director's agreement for the arrangement with CARL as described;
- Will possess excellent communication skills, both verbal and written;
- Will have proven group facilitation skills or will have successfully delivered training programs to peers, and demonstrates the ability to ensure diverse experiences and perspectives are treated respectfully;
- Will have project management experience;
- Should have significant experience and expertise in the areas of open education and open educational resources;

- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing in French and English will be deemed an asset.

If there are multiple candidates who fulfil the criteria above, selection will be based on demonstrated leadership, prior involvement, and level of institutional support.

To apply, please send a copy of your CV, an introductory letter outlining your suitability for this role and a letter from your library director confirming support for the nomination and the proposed arrangement, to Susan Haigh, Executive Director of CARL, susan.haigh@carl-abrc.ca.