

Call for Expressions of Interest - Visiting Program Officer for Indigenous Matters

DESCRIPTION:

The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) has identified Indigenous matters as an important and distinct area for capacity building within its member institutions over the coming years. The distinct experience and needs of indigenous users and library staff in CARL libraries is of significant concern. The Truth & Reconciliation Commission has identified 94 Calls to Action, some of them related to libraries and archives.

In order to shape these themes and advance specific initiatives, we invite a Canadian academic librarian with expertise in responding to the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action and experience working with indigenous communities to join CARL as Visiting Program Officer (VPO) on loan from their home institution for a fixed period (e.g. one year), at a minimum of 20% of their time. Please note salary remuneration from CARL does not apply for this role. The position will offer the successful candidate increased visibility and professional development, as well as the opportunity to support the development of national leadership in this area.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The VPO will work closely with one of CARL's full-time Project Officers supporting CARL's Truth and Reconciliation Working Group (a subgroup of the SCC), to review the Calls to Action with a focus on areas where CARL can add value, and to plan and deliver Truth and Reconciliation-related activities and communications.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Ordinarily, will be a librarian working at a CARL institution;
- Will have obtained their University Librarian's agreement for the arrangement with CARL as described;
- Will have project management experience;
- Will possess excellent communication skills, both verbal and written. Strong communication skills in both official languages and/or knowledge of an Indigenous language would be deemed an asset;
- Should have significant experience in indigenous matters and in working with indigenous communities.

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 an expression of support from your University Librarian for the proposed arrangement, to Susan Haigh, Executive Director, CARL, jobs-emploi@carl-abrc.ca.

The deadline to apply is March 15th. We hope to initiate this position in early April.