Simon Fraser University, University Librarian & Dean of Libraries

Simon Fraser University is grateful to be located on the lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̲wx̺wú7mesh (Squamish), səl̓ílwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), Ɂų̕č̓ey (Katzie), kʷíḵʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem), q̓iq̓eyt (Qayqayt), q̓ʷən̓ƛ̓ən̓ (Kwantlen), Səmyáme (Semiahmoo), and sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), səl̓ilw̓ətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), q̓í̊c̓əy (Katzie), kʷí̓k̓wəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem), q̓iq̓eyt (Qayqayt), q̓ʷən̓ƛ̓ən̓ (Kwantlen), Səmyáme (Semiahmoo), and sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) Nations.

Acknowledging the benefits of occupying this land, SFU Library commits to becoming a more welcoming space for Indigenous Peoples by centering Indigenous voices in our collections, services, and programs.

SFU is committed to creating and connecting knowledge, learning and community for deeper understanding and impact, in pursuit of its goal to be a leading research university that advances an inclusive and sustainable future. Consistently ranked as Canada’s #1 comprehensive university, SFU is recognized globally for its cutting-edge research, innovative education, and community outreach and teaching. With unique campuses in Burnaby, Vancouver, and Surrey, SFU has deep roots in partner communities throughout the Province of British Columbia and around the world.

SFU now seeks to appoint its next University Librarian & Dean of Libraries responsible for overall leadership and direction of the Simon Fraser University Library, which includes the W.A.C. Bennett Library (Burnaby) (https://www.lib.sfu.ca/), Belzberg Library (Vancouver) (https://tinyurl.com/BelzbergLibraryVancouver), and Fraser Library (Surrey) (https://tinyurl.com/FRASERR). In alignment with What’s Next: The SFU Strategy (https://tinyurl.com/yc3z9k87) and SFU Library’s Strategic Plan (https://tinyurl.com/mr33r3fk) the Dean will lead the continued transformation of the library; will sustain, support and grow library initiatives; and will be committed to furthering decolonization and reconciliation (per the statement at https://tinyurl.com/55284ns4), diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. As an accomplished librarian with strong experience in post-secondary and academic environments, the Dean will lead through collaboration and relationship building to advance the mission and mandate of SFU and SFU Library.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President Academic and working closely with the Office of the Vice-President Research and International as an active partner in the life cycle of research and scholarship, the successful candidate serves as a member of SFU’s senior administration with shared responsibility for the overall strategic leadership and management of the institution. Building on the strong foundation that SFU has established in academic and research excellence, the Dean of Libraries plays a strong advocacy role, raising the profile of the Library within the University and beyond and in contributing to the long-term strategic planning of Library and associated research and learning infrastructure at SFU as a critical member of the Provost’s senior leadership team. The appointment is based on a five-year term, which is renewable, with an expected start date of October 1, 2024, or as agreed upon with the successful candidate.
An executive search exercise is being undertaken by Simon Fraser University’s search partner Perrett Laver. Perrett Laver will support the University in helping to identify the widest possible field of qualified candidates and assisting in the assessment of candidates against the selection criteria. Applications should consist of a cover letter and curriculum vitae. These can be uploaded to Perrett Laver’s Vacancies page (https://apprtrkr.com/5102681) quoting reference 7236. The closing date for applications is 12:00 noon Pacific Time on Sunday, April 14th, 2024.

In accordance with B.C.’s Pay Transparency Act, the expected base salary range for this role (exclusive of pension and benefits) is $227K - $267K CAD per year.

SFU is an equity employer and strongly encourages applications from all qualified individuals including women, Indigenous Peoples, visible minorities, people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, persons with disabilities, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the university.

Simon Fraser University encourages applications from all qualified applicants; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

SFU is committed to ensuring that the application and interview process is accessible to all applicants. If you require accommodations or have questions about SFU benefits, services, accommodations policies, or equity considerations, please contact the Director, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (https://tinyurl.com/mr2xjcf2) in Faculty Relations.

Perrett Laver, on behalf of SFU’s Office of the Provost and Vice President Academic, collects personal information under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (RSBC 1996, c.165), and SFU Policy A13.05: Search Committees for Deans. Please find the full text of the Collection Notice on the search webpage (https://tinyurl.com/5n89j25s).