

Binghamton University seeks nominations and applications for a visionary leader to serve as dean of libraries.

Founded in 1946, and one of four research universities in the SUNY system, Binghamton enrolls over 16,500 undergraduate and graduate students in its six schools and colleges. Ranked among the top 40 public universities in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* and among the most selective public institutions for undergraduates in the nation, the campus has swiftly built a reputation for excellence in undergraduate education that is bolstered by growing, high-quality graduate programs leading to the doctorate and a rapidly expanding research enterprise. The University has identified five Transdisciplinary Areas of Excellence to address critical issues, promote cross-disciplinary research collaboration, and strengthen Binghamton's research culture. The campus is nestled in the rolling hills of the Southern Tier in upstate New York on 930 acres and includes the University's state-of-the-art Innovative Technologies Complex, as well as the University Downtown Center and a new School of Pharmacy to be constructed in Johnson City.

The University Libraries are comprised of the Glenn G. Bartle Library, the Science Library, the University Downtown Center Library, and the Library Annex in nearby Conklin, NY. Holdings include almost 2.5 million volumes, nearly 2 million microforms, 94,000 journals, 234 electronic databases, and 2,000 linear feet of manuscripts. Over 80 faculty and staff support the Libraries' mission.

The dean of libraries is the chief administrative and budgetary officer of the University Libraries and plays a key role in working with faculty, other deans, the provost, and the president to advance Binghamton's agenda of accelerating its growth as a major research university with highly ranked graduate and undergraduate programs. The dean will develop and articulate a compelling vision for the University Libraries and will be responsible for enhancing the Libraries resources through partnerships with donors, granting agencies, and foundations. The dean is responsible for all matters relating to the administration of the University Libraries, including recruiting, supervising, and evaluating faculty and staff; managing and developing collections; assuring that the Libraries remain on the cutting edge of information technology; administering the libraries' budget; assuring excellent service to faculty, staff, and students; leading the Libraries' development activities; and representing the Libraries to communities outside the University.

#### Qualifications

- An ALA accredited MLS degree or equivalent. An advanced degree is preferred.
- Increasingly responsible experience in a university research library culminating in a management position is strongly preferred.
- A strong interest and experience in building comprehensive collections commensurate with Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral level programmatic research requirements of the faculty and of students, including materials to support the new School of Pharmacy.
- A deep knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing higher education, broadly, and university libraries, in particular, and creative approaches to meeting the challenges and opportunities.
- A clear understanding of the changes that are reshaping scholarship, publication, and the dissemination and preservation of knowledge.
- The ability to leverage technology effectively to provide students, faculty, and staff access to the information resources they need to be successful.
- Participation in national and international library and information science organizations.
- A demonstrated ability to manage a complex organization and work collaboratively with students, faculty and staff in the libraries as well as key stakeholders outside the libraries.
- Personal integrity, outstanding leadership qualities, and exceptional communication skills.
- The ability to recruit, develop, and retain excellent faculty and staff.
- A strong commitment to and understanding of best practices to enhance diversity among faculty and staff and enable the Libraries to serve a diverse campus community.
- The ability to serve as an energetic champion for the Libraries inside and outside Binghamton University.
- A commitment to raising funds to support the Libraries through fundraising, including external grants and philanthropy.
- An awareness of the importance of encouraging information literacy as well as a love of books and of learning among students.

Review of candidates will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Confidential inquiries, nominations, referrals, and resumes with cover letters should be directed to:

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