The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Library invites applications for a newly created Clinical Services Librarian position. This faculty position requires a confident, flexible, and outgoing librarian who has significant experience in the clinical setting which includes working with health professionals, residents, and students. Though based within the Library, the Clinical Services Librarian will work in diverse clinical settings at the University Hospital and outpatient services locations. This librarian will be expected to represent the UAMS Library with enthusiasm and professionalism.

CAMPUS SETTING

Founded in 1879, UAMS is located in mid-town Little Rock. UAMS is the only academic health sciences center and the only designated adult level one trauma center in Arkansas. In 2009, UAMS opened a new 540,000 square-foot hospital with 234 adult beds and 60 neonatal beds increasing the total number of beds to 450. The state-of-the-art hospital, outpatient center, and specialized institutes of excellence provide world-class care. The UAMS Library, which is centrally located on campus, is integrated into every aspect of the campus mission and supports the education, clinical, research, and outreach activities of six colleges (Graduate School, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Public Health.) Faculty, staff, and students work and study in a stimulating and culturally diverse environment. The UAMS Library serves the health information needs of the citizens of Pulaski County and provides support to the rest of the state through a network of Regional Center Libraries. Additional information about UAMS can be found at http://web.uams.edu/about/fast-facts. Information on the beautiful, vibrant city of Little Rock can be found at http://www.littlerock.com/.

EDUCATION & REFERENCE SERVICES (E&RS)

The Clinical Services Librarian is a member of the E&RS team of four librarians directly reporting to the Head of Education and Reference Services. All E&RS librarians participate in coverage of daily reference activities including providing one-on-one end user education, teaching classes, answering reference questions, providing assistance with basic literature searching and participating as active members of the Library’s Liaison Team. The librarians also serve on library, university, and/or public service committees and contribute to the department and the Library’s strategic planning processes.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

All librarians hold faculty status and are strongly encouraged to participate in professional activities. Activities may include service to local, regional and national associations and contributions to the
profession’s knowledge base via original research, publications, presentations at conferences, consultations as a topic expert, and the creation and teaching of continuing education courses. The pursuit of expertise and improvement of skills via continuing education are expected for all librarians.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CLINICAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Responsibilities include working with individual clinicians, partnering with clinical teams, collaborating on research projects, and participating in instructional activities at all levels. Other responsibilities include:

- Leading the development and implementation of a comprehensive, sustainable Clinical Librarian Services program to reach all clinical areas of UAMS
- Proactively building new clinical collaborations and leading a team of librarians to expand existing efforts
- Identifying and implementing best practices for incorporating information services, resources, and educational offerings into the clinical setting
- Fostering a Clinical Librarian web presence including maintaining the clinical resources web page
- Investigating, using and demonstrating emerging clinical information technologies
- Assessing and responding to the needs of health professionals and students working in a patient- and family-centered care environment
- Contributing to the Research & Clinical Search Services (RCSS) Team by:
  - Collaborating with clinical faculty, staff and/or residents on journal clubs, seminars, and other clinical forums
  - Conducting expert level searching for clinical area search requests
  - Making ‘House Calls’ to health professionals’ offices and clinics for resource assistance
- Contributing to the Education Team by:
  - Providing evidence-based medicine teaching sessions within the clinical arena
  - Collaborating with other librarians on evidence-based medicine/clinical instruction needs

QUALIFICATIONS - REQUIRED

- Master’s degree from an ALA-accredited program in library or information science
- Five years of professional experience in a health sciences library
- Three years of experience as a practicing clinical librarian or experience with significant clinical responsibilities
- Significant experience searching and teaching MEDLINE, other biomedical/health-related databases and evidence-based medicine resources
- Ability to work well independently, as part of a team, and as the leader of a team
- Ability to communicate (verbally and in writing) with physicians, hospital administrators, researchers and other health professionals at the colleague level
- Ability to respond quickly in a clinical environment
- Demonstrated excellence in creating and executing professional presentations
- Demonstrated commitment to professional development and activities
- Ability to learn and use new technologies
- A positive, can-do approach to providing services
- Flexibility to problem-solve and to develop and initiate programming in a diverse environment.
QUALIFICATIONS – PREFERRED

- Undergraduate, certification or additional training in a clinical or biomedical discipline
- Graduate degree in a related discipline
- Experience working with clientele in their clinical environments
- Significant experience teaching and/or making public presentations at the academic health sciences level
- Experience with evaluation and assessment of library resources and services
- Current AHIP credentials
- Fluency in Spanish or any other non-English languages

POSITION BENEFITS & APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Clinical Services Librarian position is a non-tenured faculty position with opportunities for promotion. Minimum salary is $57,000. Rank and salary will reflect the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate. UAMS offers a comprehensive benefits package with 22 days vacation, 11 holidays, and 12 days sick leave annually, and retirement plan options including TIAA/CREF and Fidelity.

Questions about the position or application process may be addressed to Susan Steelman, 501.686.6737 or SteelmanSusanC@uams.edu.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until an appointment is made. Priority will be given to applications received by June 30, 2016. Please email a letter of application detailing relevant experience and accomplishments, curriculum vita, and three professional references with full contact information to:

Susan Steelman, MLIS
Head of Education and Reference Services
UAMS Library, #586
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Electronic submissions are required

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