Position Title: Assistant Professor of Information Literacy

Department: Brandel Library

About North Park:

Founded in 1891, North Park University is a Christian university affiliated with the Evangelical Covenant Church of over 3,200 students from around the country and world. Located for over 125 years on the land of the Miami and Potawatomi tribes in what is today Chicago’s northside, NPU has recently been designated a Hispanic Serving Institution and is committed to serving diverse populations. Elevating North Park University’s core distinctives of Christian, city-centered, and intercultural, NPU values diversity among its faculty and is committed to building a racially and culturally diverse intellectual community, and strongly encourages the nomination and candidacies of persons who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color regardless of gender.

Position Summary:
North Park University seeks an instruction librarian for a ten-month, tenure-track faculty position. As a member of the information literacy faculty, this individual will collaborate with faculty members to teach and assess information literacy and research skills that are appropriate for the discipline and course level. North Park’s information literacy program is based on ACRL’s Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education. Faculty members are expected to engage in research and serve on university committees. All Instruction Librarians are assigned to one or more schools as library liaisons. Liaison duties include designing an information literacy program appropriate for the curriculum of the assigned schools, being available for individual consultations with students studying in the liaison’s area, and assisting with collection development in subject matter related to liaison responsibilities.
Responsibilities:

- Teach information literacy and research skills via course-integrated instruction in face-to-face and online formats.
- Provide individualized research consultations to students during office hours and by appointment.
- Use a variety of learning technologies to teach information literacy and research skills to remote learners.
- Serve as a liaison to one or more North Park Schools to scaffold information literacy skills into departmental curricula.
- Engage in collection management by selecting appropriate books, journals, and databases.
- Maintain awareness of information literacy standards and learning theories.
- Serve on campus committees, engage in professional development, and fulfill other expectations of NPU faculty members.

Essential Qualifications:

- MLIS from an ALA-accredited program and a second graduate degree.
- Teaching experience.
- Experience in instructional technologies such as learning management software and LibGuides.
- Understanding of current issues and trends in information literacy.
- Strong commitment to serving the needs of students and willingness to advocate for their needs.
- Ability to work with a diverse group of students and employees.
- Ability to work collaboratively.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to work independently with attention to detail and manage multiple tasks.
- Personal commitment to North Park’s mission of Christian higher education.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience delivering library instruction in an academic setting.

Note: Nothing in this job description restricts the supervisor’s right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this job at any time.

Anticipated Start Date: August 2022

Application Instructions:

In order to be considered for this position, please complete the North Park University Faculty Application (https://assets.northpark.edu/wp-content/uploads/20180731124819/Faculty-Administrative-Application.pdf) and send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, list of references, statement of teaching philosophy, and unofficial transcripts to:
Review of candidates will begin on April 11, 2022 and continue until the position is filled.