



PUBLIC FELLOWS PROGRAM

Job Title:	Program Officer for Scholarly Publishing
Organization:	Association of Research Libraries
Location:	Washington, DC
Stipend:	\$65,000 with health insurance for fellow
Start Date:	July 14, 2014

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The Association of Research Libraries is a nonprofit organization of [125 research libraries](#) at comprehensive, research-extensive institutions in the US and Canada that share similar research missions, aspirations, and achievements. Its mission and values shape these basic principles that are essential elements of the Association's success:

- Open and equitable access to information is a fundamental tenet of a democratic society.
- Research libraries are active agents central to the process of the transmission and creation of knowledge.
- Research libraries have a responsibility to anticipate and prepare for the information needs of present and future scholars, researchers, and students.
- Collaboration among libraries improves prospects for individual library success in fulfilling local needs.

ARL member libraries make up a large portion of the academic and research library marketplace, spending more than \$1.4 billion every year on library materials. ARL influences the changing environment of scholarly communication and the public policies that affect research libraries and the diverse communities they serve.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Program Officer for Scholarly Publishing will help the Association and its members navigate through the transformation of the marketplace for scholarly publications in the humanities and the humanistic social sciences. A joint task force of ARL and the Association of American Universities (AAU) is proposing to use the enhanced capabilities of digital technology to move the academy towards new, sustainable, affordable, innovative forms of scholarship. The focus of this joint endeavor is to improve the publishing process and access to the products of scholarly research.

The Program Officer will assist the initiation and development of the ARL/AAU task force work within ARL member libraries and facilitate the task force's consultations with key sectors of the academy. The Program Officer will be responsible for:

- Supporting the conception, development, and implementation of projects to revise and enhance scholarly publication and dissemination;

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- Assisting in the development and implementation of a communication plan for outreach to ARL member institutions, university administrators, scholars, and university presses;
- Supporting the research strategy to inform and guide the economic model and its impact on the dissemination of scholarship by the academy; and
- Fostering communication and collaboration with other higher education associations, scholarly publishers, academic societies, and foundations to advance the dissemination and access to university-based scholarship.

This position will provide the opportunity to facilitate the development of a deeper understanding of the scholarly communication process, the new realities of the marketplace, the changing economics of publishing, and the evolving international landscape of copyright which provides the intellectual property rights context for new forms of publishing. When the fellowship is concluded, the individual would be well positioned to pursue a range of careers in scholarly communication and digital programs for humanities and social science societies, such as those in strategic operations of social science and humanities publishers; in research libraries engaged in the dissemination of openly accessible scholarly content; or in large-scale national scholarly communications programs for higher education associations.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Ph.D. in the humanities or humanistic social sciences
- Interest in and knowledge of traditional scholarly publishing as well as new forms of scholarly communication and open access to scholarly research
- Understanding of disciplinary differences in the humanities and social sciences
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, including research skills
- Ability to address problems in a creative manner
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with a variety of constituencies
- Ability to work collegially and independently
- Ability to work on multiple projects efficiently and effectively
- Willingness to travel and to speak about the program to both scholars and academic administrators

Experience in or awareness of the following is desirable:

- Association or scholarly society work environment
- Current editorial and peer review process for scholarly monographs
- Digital scholarship activities in the humanities and social sciences

APPLICATIONS

- Information on the ACLS Public Fellows Program: www.acls.org/programs/publicfellows
- All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application System (ofa.acls.org)
- Application deadline: March 19, 2014, 6 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

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