



Cornell University

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Carl A. Kroch University Librarian

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Cornell University invites applications and nominations for the position of University Librarian.

Cornell University Library is one of the world's major research libraries. Recognized for its outstanding collections, excellent staff, service orientation, innovative programs, and strong collaborative partnerships and leadership, both nationally and internationally, the Library is central to the mission of Cornell University.

The University Librarian is the chief academic and administrative officer of the library system. The University Librarian reports to the Provost and works closely with the academic deans and senior administrative team on behalf of the university as a whole.

The university is seeking a leader who will embrace the opportunities that new technology provides while retaining the traditional virtues of a great library. The ideal candidate will have:

- deep understanding of the complexities and richness of academic life and the role of the library in a modern research university
- a record of successful administrative experience with strong communication, negotiation, financial planning, and management skills
- the ability to inspire the library staff and the broader university community in confronting the challenges of the next decades
- vision and leadership in a period of rapid change
- appreciation for the research and educational needs and practices of scholars and students
- recognition of the continuing importance of books and other printed materials along with a sophisticated understanding of the opportunities of new technology
- willingness to spearhead fund raising with alumni, corporate, foundation, and other private donors
- commitment to the recruitment, development, and retention of a diverse and highly qualified workforce.

The Cornell University Library has an annual budget of \$50 million with more than 450 full time equivalent staff who support the learning, research, and outreach activities of the university. There are twenty constituent libraries located in Ithaca, Geneva (NY), New York City, and Doha (Qatar). In addition, the Library actively serves scholars across the globe.

In keeping with Cornell University's commitment to building a culturally diverse community, nominations of and applications from underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged. Applications should include a statement of interest and curriculum vitae. Applications and nominations will be kept strictly confidential. The review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the new University Librarian is selected.

Send materials to: University Librarian Search Manager, 440 Day Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-2801. Or electronically to ULibrariansearch@cornell.edu.