

Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

Chief Law Librarian Call for Applications 2018-19

Osgoode Hall Law School is the home of Canada's premier research law library. With an internationally renowned reputation, the Law Library supports the research and teaching of Osgoode and York University, faculty and students, serves a diverse array of visiting scholars, members of the legal profession and the public.

In addition to over 500,000 volumes and volume equivalents and a full array of electronic resources and subscriptions of legal literature covering primarily Canada, the UK and the Commonwealth, Osgoode became the first Law Library in Canada to establish a Digital Commons in 2014. For more information on Osgoode Digital Commons, please visit <http://digitalcommons.osgoode.yorku.ca/> The Special and Rare Books Collection includes legal materials, manuscripts, ephemera and broadsides from Canada, UK and France.

We seek an inspiring leader for our Law Library, who will advance the vision of the 21st century law library as well as the strategic mission of the law school and the library's role in that mission. Reporting to the Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, and working in close collaboration with the Dean of York University Libraries, the Chief Law Librarian will provide vision, strategic direction, and planning that advances the Law Library as a vital resource for scholarship, teaching, education and innovation. The CLL will serve on Library, Faculty, and University Committees as appropriate. The Chief Law Librarian will be responsible for the academic leadership, administrative and financial management of the Law Library. The Chief Law Librarian will also be responsible for the coordination of collection management, the development of library services in support of faculty research and student success, the development of instructional programmes tailored to build the legal research skills of Osgoode undergraduate and graduate students, as well as the integration of new technologies and information delivery systems into the Library operations.

Working closely with the York University Libraries and the Dean of Libraries at York, the Chief Law Librarian will maintain and contribute to enhanced shared services and programs as it relates to the Law Library and Osgoode Hall Law School, will inform and participate in decision-making as it relates to the Law Library and, where appropriate, will contribute and lend support to York University Libraries in the provision of services and programs for the larger University community.

The successful candidate will possess substantial experience in a leadership role in a law library in an academic or research institution; a proven record of outstanding service; and demonstrated capacity to represent the Law Library internally within the University and

throughout the legal, law library, and University communities. In addition, the successful candidate will possess the following:

Required qualifications:

- ALA accredited MLS or equivalent
- Demonstrated planning and leadership skills
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and collegially with colleagues, faculty and administrators and the external community
- Demonstrated ability to promote a strong vision for the Library and introduce improvements to services and processes that will enhance student success and academic excellence
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Knowledge of best practices and emerging developments/trends in academic law libraries
- Experience demonstrating broad understanding of issues in legal education and research
- Substantial experience in collection development of both electronic and traditional legal materials while working with appropriate tools and legal resources and publishers, as well as in implementing both the necessary supportive services to sustain and support the use of these collections, and new approaches within a rapidly changing library environment
- Record of achievement and successful completion of complex projects and initiatives

Preferred qualifications:

- LL.B, JD, or equivalent
- Experience working in a unionized environment in education and research institutions
- Commitment to continuing professional development and scholarship
- Excellent understanding of the evolving scholarly communications environment and awareness of emerging technologies in support of digital research.
- Knowledge related to assessment/metrics appropriate to a library setting
- Relevant research experience and expertise

This is a full-time appointment, for a renewable 5 year term, with the potential for a continuing tenure stream appointment.

York University welcomes applications from all qualified individuals, including individuals within the University's employment equity categories of women, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities (racialized) and aboriginal (indigenous) persons, individuals of diverse gender and sexual orientation and all groups protected by the Human Rights Code. York University is committed to employment equity and diversity and a positive and supportive environment.

York University is committed to working towards a barrier-free workplace and to expanding the accessibility of the workplace to persons with disabilities. If you are contacted by York University regarding a job opportunity, please advise if you should require accommodation.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents will be given priority.

In order to apply, please provide a curriculum vitae, a list of three referees, and a cover letter that addresses how you would advance the strategic mission of the law school and a modern law library in your role as CLL of the Osgoode Law Library. For a link to the law school's strategic plan, see: <https://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/about/plans-reports/>. Your materials should be submitted by Monday, January 7, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. E.S.T. to Tanya Bowes, Manager, Faculty Governance and Dean's Office, at tbowes@osgoode.yorku.ca. Interviews for short-listed candidates will be held in February 2019.