Overview

The New Brunswick Libraries Graduate Specialist Program provides opportunities for Rutgers–NB graduate students to use and develop their skills in a variety of methodologies while working with the Libraries to deliver consulting, workshops, and training.

NBL hires Graduate Specialists in two categories. Graduate Project Specialists are hired to assist with the completion of specific library projects, and typically do not have a public facing role. Graduate Research Specialists are hired to provide support to researchers in topics and methods of growing importance in the scholarly world. Graduate students hired as Graduate Research Specialists help the Libraries to expand the range of services offered by bringing advanced skillsets in the latest research methods and tools. Additionally, the Graduate Specialist Program helps the graduate students by giving them a place to prove and hone their skills by bringing services to researchers, gaining significant marketable experience along the way.

The position described in the following document is the Digital Humanities Graduate Research Specialist. In Fall 2019, the New Brunswick Libraries had five Graduate Research Specialist positions: Digital Humanities (1), Quantitative Data Analytics (2), Qualitative Methods (1), and Geographic Information Systems (1). Graduate Specialists earn $25 per hour.

For more information on the program, see https://libguides.rutgers.edu/graduatespecialist.

Digital Humanities Graduate Research Specialist

The New Brunswick Libraries seek a Digital Humanities Graduate Research Specialist to support the Libraries' digital humanities programming and outreach. The DH Graduate Research Specialist will work on activities tailored to his or her research interests and skills, while acquiring a general understanding of digital humanities work at a major research university.

Reporting to the Digital Humanities Librarian in Alexander Library, the DH Graduate Research Specialist will develop an agenda of activities that will include teaching workshops and providing consultations on various forms of digital work. Some examples of approaches and methods that have been taught in previous semesters: spatial approaches in the humanities, web scraping, collecting social media data for research, gathering and organizing data according to "tidy data" principles, text analysis, network analysis, digital collection and exhibit building, and using digitized historical newspapers in teaching and research. The DH Graduate Research Specialist is encouraged to have a digital research project of their own upon which they may draw for the development of original teaching and outreach materials.

Requirements

Successful applicants will be highly motivated individuals with a strong interest in digital humanities work within an academic or GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives, and museums) setting. Knowledge of one or more digital humanities research methodologies is required. Intellectual curiosity and strong interpersonal and communication skills are important qualifications for this position, as well as consistent availability for 8-12 hours per week of work during the semester.

Eligibility

The position is open to current Rutgers–New Brunswick graduate students in a humanities or social science field who are eligible for on-campus employment.

Compensation

This is a one-semester, 10-hours-per-week position paid at an hourly rate of $25.00. The term of employment is January 27, 2020, to May 11, 2020 (15 weeks). Contingent on funding and performance, the position may be available to continue through the following semester.

Application Process

Please submit the following materials via e-mail to Charlene Houser at charlene.houser@rutgers.edu
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Cover letter describing how this position will help you meet your future goals; contributions you can make to this position and the New Brunswick Libraries; and any academic or technical qualifications you bring to the position
- Names and contact information for two (2) references

First consideration will be given to applications received by **January 24, 2020**.

For questions regarding the Digital Humanities Graduate Research Specialist position, please contact Francesca Giannetti, Digital Humanities Librarian, at francesca.giannetti@rutgers.edu.