Assistant/Associate/Full Professor
College of Information Studies, University of Maryland

**Best Consideration Date:** 11/27/2019

**Position Summary/Purpose of Position:**
The University of Maryland College of Information Studies (UMD iSchool) (http://ischool.umd.edu) invites applications for an open rank tenure-track or tenured position focused on pursuing novel, innovative, and impactful research that examines the changing roles and landscape of libraries of all types in the increasingly interconnected, dynamic, diverse, and information-rich world. We encourage applicants who exhibit deep understanding of the social dimensions and issues, and employ data-driven analyses that shape and ensure societal relevance of libraries. We also seek applicants who leverage data and digital technologies in and via libraries to empower and advance communities. Successful candidates will conduct research and teaching that either center on or strongly align with libraries. We seek a candidate whose work complements and extends the iSchool’s existing theoretical and methodological traditions in library-related research. The iSchool particularly seeks candidates whose scholarship and interests focus on one or more of the following areas:

- use of computational methods and data visualization to increase and demonstrate large-scale impact of libraries on society
- democratizing discovery and civic and economic engagement in and via libraries
- libraries as platforms for crisis intervention and community resilience
- models of libraries that support sustained improvements in community health and decreased health disparities
- building, management, and deployment of technologies for and in libraries
- emerging roles of libraries that reflect cross-functional, interdisciplinary, or cross-institutional leadership.

Candidates with interests in other library-related topics are also encouraged to apply.

**Position Duties/Responsibilities:**
This is an open-rank, tenure-track, or tenured appointment. Tenure-track Assistant Professors are hired for 3 years, with potential renewal for three more years and tenure review. Associate and Full Professors are appointed with tenure. Rank and appointment type is determined based on candidates’ record and experience. Salary and benefits are competitive based upon qualifications and experience. Tenure-track and tenured faculty have 9-month appointments, with opportunities for grant-funded research and university-funded teaching in summers. For this position, the successful candidate will be involved in:

- Developing and conducting research projects and disseminating research results
- Designing and developing curricula related to library and information science
- Crafting exceptional educational experiences for students
- Participating in shared governance
- Contributing to relevant professional communities.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- A Ph.D degree at the time of appointment
- Demonstrated research excellence, including a rank-appropriate record of peer-reviewed research in library science or related areas
- Interest in developing effective and innovative teaching.
Preferred Qualifications:

- In-person and/or online teaching experience in related areas
- Recognized for notable research projects, peer-reviewed publications, or other scholarly contributions
- A record of, or vision for, securing external funding
- Demonstrated dedication and service in academia, professional organizations, and research communities

Campus/College Information:
As one of the top graduate programs in library and information studies in the U.S., UMD’s iSchool seeks a candidate who will build upon the iSchool’s record of educating librarians committed to leadership, service, research, and innovative practice and impact in the field. We encourage candidates to demonstrate how their research contributes toward social justice and equity, diversity and inclusion, or ethical access to information.

Founded more than 50 years ago with a specific commitment to advancing social justice, the iSchool enrolls over 1,300 students in five degree programs: Ph.D. in Information Studies, Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS), Master of Information Management (MIM), Master of Science in Human Computer Interaction (HCIM), and Bachelor of Science in Information Science (InfoSci). Faculty members across these programs take advantage of our interdisciplinary environment through their teaching and collaborative research. These programs are offered in the classroom at College Park and Shady Grove campuses, online, and in blended formats. Many members of our faculty hold joint or affiliate appointments with other campus units, including Anthropology, Business, Education, Engineering, English, Geographical Sciences, Journalism, Survey Methodology, Public Health, the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities (MITH), and the Institute for Advanced Computer Studies (UMIACS).

Diversity Statement:
The University of Maryland, College Park, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, complies with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations regarding nondiscrimination and affirmative action; all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment. The University is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, protected veteran status, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, creed, marital status, political affiliation, personal appearance, or on the basis of rights secured by the First Amendment, in all aspects of employment, educational programs and activities, and admissions.

Hiring and appointment are subject to College and University approval.

To apply you will need to provide:

- A letter of interest that clearly describes your background and expertise in the area, expected rank (assistant, associate or full professor), and the unique contributions you would make to the iSchool and the University of Maryland.
- Your CV
- A list of 3 professional references. For each reference include the person’s title, institution, contact information (including phone number and e-mail address), the capacity in which you know (or have known) this person, and how long you have known this person
- A statement of your research interests and accomplishments
- A statement of your teaching philosophy

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