

USC Libraries

**Clinical Librarian (#356)
University of Southern California
Requisition ID: 20078220**

POSITION SUMMARY

The University of Southern California (USC) Libraries seek outstanding candidates to serve as a Clinical Librarian. We are in search of an innovative, forward-thinking, service-oriented and collaborative colleague interested in becoming part of a team focused on expanding clinical support and systematic review services to the University of Southern California-affiliated clinical sites including Keck Medical Center of USC, USC Verdugo Hills Hospital, and others. We seek candidates who are engaged in their profession and have a passion to develop transformative library services, and who are creative in identifying and solving problems within a collegial and collaborative environment.

The Clinical Librarian will deliver services to and provide support for USC's goals in excellence in patient care, research, and education. This position is a member of the Research Services Department, reporting to the Associate Director of Research Services.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The University of Southern California is one of the world's leading private research universities. An anchor institution in Los Angeles, a global center for arts, technology, and international business, USC's diverse curricular offerings provide extensive opportunities for interdisciplinary study and collaboration with leading researchers in highly advanced learning environments. With a strong tradition of integrating liberal and professional education, USC fosters a vibrant culture of public service and encourages students to cross academic as well as geographic boundaries in their pursuit of knowledge. For more information, visit www.usc.edu.

USC LIBRARIES

The USC Libraries support the discovery, creation, organization, dissemination, and preservation of knowledge. We develop and deliver collections, services, and programs that support and encourage the academic, research, clinical, and creative endeavors of our community; cultivate an inclusive community of intellectually curious, critical thinkers; and help develop engaged, informed global citizens. Through these means, we participate in the continuing success of the University of Southern California as a private, global research institution committed to the greater public good.

The USC Libraries, with an operating budget of approximately \$42 million, comprise Doheny Memorial Library and many specialized libraries, including the Health Sciences Libraries. Among our libraries' collecting strengths are the areas of our Collections Convergence Initiative: the Holocaust and genocide and exile studies; the history of Los Angeles and Southern California; LGBTQ history and culture, particularly relating to West Coast activities and activism; East Asian languages and cultures and Asian American history in the United States; and cinema, music, and the production of popular cultures. Library faculty and staff throughout the organization—committed to core values of inquiry, ingenuity, integrity, and inclusiveness—work to advance consequential engagement with our academic and arts communities. For more information on how our libraries support critical, creative, and ethical habits of mind at USC, visit libraries.usc.edu.

NORRIS MEDICAL LIBRARY

Part of the USC Libraries, the Norris Medical Library is an academic health sciences library located on the USC Health Sciences Campus. The Library serves the Schools and Departments of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Occupational Science/Occupational Therapy, Biokinesiology/Physical Therapy, Physician Assistants, and Public

Health. It also provides clinical information support to USC's Keck Medical Center and USC clinical faculty located in various other medical centers. The library is strongly user-focused and committed to providing faculty, students, and staff with access to a wide variety of electronic information resources, including books, journals, bioinformatics tools, databases, evidence-based resources, and mobile resources. The library contains more than 100,000 volumes and licenses over 3,500 current electronic journals, in addition to having access to the entire USC Libraries collections. The staff of 18 includes 7 librarians and 3 bioinformatics specialists. For additional information, visit nml.usc.edu.

The Health Sciences Campus (HSC) is located 8 miles from the University Park Campus. Keck Medicine of USC has been named one of the country's best cancer care providers and among the best in eight other specialties, according to *US News & World Report's* 2018-19 Best Hospital rankings. The Hospital also holds Magnet status. HSC is home to top-ranked biomedical translational research, including institutes such as the Alzheimer's Therapeutic Research Institute, the Broad Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research, the Stevens Neuroimaging and Informatics Institute, and the Zilkha Neurogenetic Institute. Many of the professional schools and programs are also ranked at the highest level and are innovators for their professions, including the degree programs for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, and Regulatory Sciences.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

Reporting to the Associate Director of Research Services, the Clinical Librarian will:

- Develop and lead professional information services for healthcare providers, educators, and researchers at USC's hospitals and clinics, serving as the primary point person
- Cultivate and build relationships with USC healthcare professionals at the University Park Campus (UPC) and HSC
- Attend hospital rounds, case conferences, and other clinically relevant forums and provide information as requested at the point of need
- Provide services supporting evidence-based practice, data management, scholarly communication, and advocacy of relevant information technologies
- Conduct systematic reviews and other services in the Health Sciences Libraries Systematic Review Service
- Participate in user education including curriculum-based course instruction in evidence-based medicine for medical and other health sciences students
- Participate in all reference and information services, including chat services, reference desk, and consultation services at HSC and UPC as required
- Engage in professional and/or subject discipline organizations, research, or publishing that will have a significant, positive impact on the Norris Medical Library, and advance the strategic plans of USC Libraries and the university
- Duties may include weekend, early morning, or evening hours.

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum qualifications: MLS from an ALA-accredited program or non-U.S. equivalent is typically required for a librarian appointment at USC. In addition, candidates must provide evidence of:

- At least two years of professional experience in an academic health sciences or hospital library providing information services
- Experience with searching major clinical information resources, including PubMed and CINAHL
- Experience with providing instruction to health professionals or students in evidence-based medicine practices
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- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to foster new connections and build relationships

- Excellent organizational, analytical, and problem-solving skills, including ability to comply with policies and procedures, manage multiple priorities, and meet deadlines
- Strong user-centered approach.

Desirable qualifications:

- Experience participating in clinical rounds, case conferences, or other clinical form
- Experience with outreach to various user populations, especially physicians and nurses
- Experience with expert searching techniques and conducting systematic reviews
- Knowledge of inter-professional clinical practice and experience building or working with inter-professional teams.

FACULTY APPOINTMENT RANK/SALARY

Rank: Assistant University Librarian

Librarians at USC have faculty status. This is a full-time, continuing appointment track position. Appointment to the continuing appointment track requires the potential to meet the University’s criteria for granting continuing appointment—excellence in librarianship—which librarians achieve by having a significant impact on the development and/or implementation of high-quality collections and/or services. Additionally, librarians must demonstrate the expectation of continued excellence and growth in profession expertise. Rank and salary commensurate with experience and qualifications.

BENEFITS

Benefits include a choice of retirement programs, 22 paid vacation days per year, university holidays, a choice of medical and dental plans, and tuition assistance (for employees and eligible dependents). For more information about benefits, see benefits.usc.edu.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must be submitted via USC’s online faculty application website:
: <https://facultypositions.usc.edu/FAS/application/position?postingId=REQ20078220>

As part of the application, candidates must upload the following documents (PDF format): 1) a cover letter, 2) a curriculum vitae (including telephone and e-mail address), 3) a list of at least three references that includes the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address for each referee, and 4) a statement on fostering an environment of diversity and inclusion (no longer than one page in length).

Closing date for applications: open until filled.

For more information about this position, contact Jennifer Dinalo, Chair of the Search Committee, at email dinalo@usc.edu.

USC is an equal-opportunity educator and employer, proudly pluralistic and firmly committed to providing equal opportunity for outstanding persons of every race, gender, creed, and background. The university particularly encourages members of underrepresented groups, veterans, and individuals with disabilities to apply. USC will make reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with known disabilities unless doing so would result in an undue hardship. Further information is available by contacting uschr@usc.edu.

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