

Director of the Duke Kunshan University Library

Recruitment is now underway for the inaugural Director of the Duke Kunshan University (DKU) Library. DKU is a new, joint venture university created in partnership among Duke University, Wuhan University and the city of Kunshan, China; it is expected to open in fall 2014. The DKU Library will offer an array of dynamic, user-centered programs and services for DKU faculty, students and staff.

Reporting to the Executive Vice Chancellor of DKU, the Director of the Library will provide leadership, vision, and strategic direction for this new library in concert with Duke University Libraries (DUL) staff, strategies and policies. The successful candidate will be an innovator whose creativity, energy and knowledge of the evolving role of libraries will contribute to the establishment of a world-class academic research library. Working directly with students and faculty, the director will develop and provide research and instructional services for the DKU community.

This position requires an MLS from a program accredited by the American Library Association or the international equivalent and at least three years of increasingly responsible research services and library instruction experience. The director must be able to speak and write fluently in both Mandarin and English, possess excellent communication, interpersonal and customer service skills and have some prior experience managing and supervising library staff in an academic research library. The ideal candidate will possess an understanding of current issues in academic librarianship, including copyright issues, as well as demonstrated proficiency using electronic resources and mastery of technology tools used in today's academic research environments.

The complete position description, including job competencies, is available at <http://www.dku.edu.cn/en/director-library>. Submit your cover letter and resume to DKURecruitment@duke.edu. Position open until filled. The expected appointment to begin early 2014 with an initial period of orientation and training to be completed at Duke University Libraries, Durham, NC, USA. The Director will assume responsibilities in Kunshan circa May 2014.