Doheny Postdoctoral Instructor, University of Southern California

The Libraries at the University of Southern California, together with USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, are pleased to announce a search for a two-year postdoctoral scholar whose work would be enhanced by association with two USC Libraries units: the Music Library and the East Asian Library. Sponsored by the USC Collections Convergence Initiative (CCI), the postdoctoral scholar would engage with these library units, further their research program, and teach three undergraduate courses in each of two years of the appointment. Annual salary for this position will be $65,000 and standard benefits.

The fellowship will be awarded to an outstanding postdoctoral scholar from any discipline who plans to advance their teaching and research through affiliation with these two units; applicants are encouraged to think broadly around music and other performing arts (Music Library | USC Libraries, as well as East Asian and the Pacific Rim more generally (East Asian Library | USC Libraries). Scholars from around the world are invited to apply. Applicants must have their PhD in hand by July 1, 2022. The scholar must have been awarded a Ph.D. within the past five years of their appointment. Award decisions for this fellowship will be based on the originality of the research proposal/plan and the centrality of the dual approach to these two library units at USC.

The postdoctoral fellow will teach three courses across each of two years. Specifics of course offerings will be addressed once the successful fellow has been chosen. The postdoctoral fellow will provide each library unit with fresh research perspectives and play a role in each unit’s activities, including collection development opportunities, as well as exhibition and programming ideas.

Applications for the 2022-2024 fellowship are due February 28, 2022. Applicants are required to submit a packet with a cover letter; current curriculum vitae; research proposal (max. 3 pages) discussing how affiliation with USC Libraries will enhance the candidate’s research and teaching; names and contact information for two scholars/others who may be asked to contribute confidential letters of recommendation. The application packet ought to be submitted in PDF format to Professor William Deverell, USC Libraries Postdoctoral Fellow Search Chair, at deverell@usc.edu. Any questions about the appointment may be directed to the same email address.

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