



## **HEALTH INFORMATIONIST (Atlanta Campus)**

### **Position and Responsibilities:**

Ranked as the #4 Most Innovative University by U.S. News and World Report, (<https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rankings/national-universities/innovative>) Georgia State University has one of the fastest growing research profiles in the country and a proven commitment to the success of students from all backgrounds. Georgia State University Library seeks an innovative, collegial, and highly-engaged information specialist to support research and teaching within the School of Public Health and health-related disciplines at Georgia State University. This position works to enhance collaborative research and team science in critical areas of public health, including biostatistics and epidemiology, health promotion and behavior, health management and policy, environmental health, and urban and global health. The Health Informationist provides regular consultations, research assistance, instruction in information and data use, and has a strong commitment to student learning and success at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Based within the downtown Library's Research Data Services Team, (<http://research.library.gsu.edu/dataservices>) this position serves as liaison librarian and content specialist for the School of Public Health and other areas as assigned.

The Health Informationist is a new type of embedded specialist who works to link library resources and expertise with grant-funded research projects. Granting agencies such as the NIH/National Library of Medicine provide administrative supplements for informationists in order to enhance storage, organization, management, and use of digital research data, and the successful candidate is expected to explore opportunities in these areas. The successful candidate is well versed in the research lifecycle, with an understanding of the processes of conducting systematic literature reviews; analyzing, organizing, and preparing original data; and presenting research findings and raw data for publication and reuse. This involves, but is not limited to identifying and employing appropriate data standards, assigning metadata, recommending strategies for data curation, information retrieval and visualization, and tracking the output and impact of published research. In addition, the successful candidate maintains an awareness of federal agency requirements (specifically NIH) regarding data management, as well as the broader scholarly communication and curation issues associated with e-science and open data initiatives. The successful candidate serves as a member of the library faculty (non-tenure track), holds faculty rank, and is expected to engage in service and scholarly activities as outlined in the University Library's faculty guidelines.

### **Environment:**

Georgia State University, a public research university located downtown Atlanta, is the largest institution of higher education in the University System of Georgia and is recognized as a national leader in graduating students from widely diverse backgrounds. Georgia State educates future leaders, prepares citizens for lifelong learning, and has one of fastest growing research profiles in the country. Enrolling one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation at its downtown research campus, at its five Perimeter College campuses, and online, the university provides educational opportunities for more than 52,000 students at the graduate, baccalaureate, associate and certificate levels, including 32,000 graduate and undergraduate students at the downtown campus.

With over 1.4 million visitors in the past year, the main University Library is an integral part of the university community. The library is engaged with the campus community, offering an open, inviting, and centralized facility

supporting both research and learning with expansive collections and outstanding assistance. Its signature link, a multilevel glass structure that overlooks downtown Atlanta, connects the library's two prominent downtown buildings. CURVE: Collaborative University Research & Visualization Environment - <http://curve.gsu.edu> - a service of the University Library, brings together students and expert researchers from all disciplines in a shared, hands-on, interactive space featuring cutting-edge hardware and software for data visualization and analysis. More about the Georgia State University Library at <http://library.gsu.edu>.

### **Qualifications:**

#### **REQUIRED:**

- ALA-accredited Master's in Library/Information Science and/or relevant graduate degree in a related field
- Knowledge of the latest computational and statistical methods used in public health or health-related research
- Awareness of the research lifecycle, with an understanding of the processes of conducting extensive literature reviews; analyzing, organizing, and preparing research data; and presenting research findings and raw data for publication and reuse
- Ability to work collegially, cooperatively, and independently with varied groups in a complex organization and function collaboratively in a rapidly-changing team environment
- Understanding of the changing role of the academic library in higher education
- Excellent technology skills and ability to learn new ones quickly
- Effective oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills
- Ability to pass a background check

#### **PREFERRED:**

- Experience with the following: R/RStudio, STATA, SAS, SPSS, Mplus
- Experience with ArcGIS desktop; familiarity with geocoding, aggregation, and analysis of health data
- Knowledge of common metadata schema used in health fields
- Experience working in an academic or special library
- Teaching experience or experience leading group workshops
- Grant writing experience

### **Condition of Work and Benefits**

Forty-hour work week	Retirement plans include: Teachers Retirement System,
Twenty-one vacation	TIAA-CREF, VALIC, & Fidelity
Twelve paid holidays	Group health and life insurance
Twelve days sick leave	Social Security
Faculty rank and status	Optional pre-tax benefits
Non-Tenure track	Support for research and professional activities

### **Salary and Rank**

Minimum salary of \$50,000 - \$60,000 for 12 months commensurate with the candidate's education and experience. Appointment at a faculty rank [Instructor/Assistant/Associate Professor], on a contract renewal basis.

Submit a cover letter addressing the above qualifications; resume; name, address and phone number of three references, including immediate supervisor. Review of materials will begin September 30, 2017 and continue until the position is filled. Send materials to:

*Human Resources Officer*  
*University Library*  
*Georgia State University*  
100 Decatur Street, SE, Atlanta, GA 30303-3202  
(404) 413-2700  
[liblao@gsu.edu](mailto:liblao@gsu.edu)

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