The University of Manitoba invites expressions of interest, nominations and applications for the position of University Librarian, with the appointment to be effective July 1, 2014 or soon thereafter.

The University of Manitoba is Western Canada’s first university and is Manitoba’s largest, and only, medical-doctoral university. A member of Canada’s U15 group of universities, its strong learning environment has helped nurture a climate of academic excellence, with programs in areas such as humanities, science, visual and performing arts, medicine, law, agriculture, engineering and architecture. The University’s energetic community of more than 29,000 students and 4,500 faculty and staff contributes an annual $1.8 billion in socio-economic activity to the province of Manitoba. Its main campus comprises over 60 buildings, located on the Red River near the arts, entertainment and professional sports of family-centered, urban Winnipeg. For more information, please visit the website at www.umanitoba.ca.

Reporting to the Vice President (Academic) and Provost, the University Librarian is a member of the University’s senior leadership team, and the academic and administrative leader of the University of Manitoba’s library system. With more than 200 full-time staff members and an annual budget of approximately $25.5 million, the University Librarian will manage, plan and develop the Libraries’ services, budgets, programs and collections. The library system, with nearly half a million items borrowed last year, encompasses 18 locations, with more than 2.3 million volumes, subscriptions to over 3,900 print and 42,700 electronic serials, 348,000 electronic books and over 1.5 million microforms. The University Librarian will provide the leadership and vision to help fulfill the University’s academic mission, direct and develop staff, build on the Libraries’ culture of collegiality and openness, and meet the challenges of the next generation of information access and services.

The successful candidate will hold a graduate level degree in Library and Information Science or a related field, combined with significant leadership experience in higher education library services. A clear vision for the role of the academic research library and the changing nature of information technology, services and resources is required, as is a demonstrated ability to represent the Libraries both internally and externally. She or he will possess outstanding management, communication and interpersonal skills, the capacity to lead organizational change, a creative approach to problem solving, and a strong commitment to teambuilding, networking and staff development.

The University of Manitoba is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace. Applications are encouraged from qualified applicants including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, people with disabilities, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the university. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

The Search Committee will begin to consider potential candidates immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Applications should include a letter of introduction, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without consent of the candidate) and be forwarded electronically in confidence to:

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