Field Study Program

To apply for the position, please submit your resume to the email address below.

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Descriptive Overview: Provide a brief and descriptive summary of the purpose of the position.

Special Collections at the University of Maryland Libraries is seeking a motivated individual to serve as a “Wikipedian-in-residence.”

Working in consultation with the appropriate librarians and staff, this individual will create a project to identify a process by which Special Collections materials may be appropriately linked from and described on Wikipedia. Web analytics are showing that Wikipedia is already one of the biggest referrers, after common search engines, to UMD Libraries’ special collections materials, and we would like to continue to reach out to the global community. By working with Wikipedia, museums & archives are engaging new online communities while contributing their own unique expertise to new and improved articles on one of the internet’s most widely read websites. For background information, please see http://www.glamwiki.org.

Experience with special collections materials such as archives, rare books, photographs, and maps is highly desirable. Candidates who demonstrate experience an understanding of cataloging and metadata standards, and strong writing skills, will be given preference.

Duties and Responsibilities: Provide a bulleted list of duties and responsibilities. List the top five to seven work activities can be listed below.

- Working with the appropriate functional groups within special collections, identify a subset of materials to use as a testbed for Wikipedia
- Design assessment outcomes by which to measure the success/increase in traffic as a result of the project
- Create written documentation/procedures in order to enable the ongoing continuation of this work, allowing special collections to integrate access via Wikipedia into its existing workflows
- Create links, edit information, and work to appropriately integrate special collections holdings into relevant Wikipedia locations.

* Note: If all persons requested will perform the same job and have identical responsibilities, you may use one Request Form. If the persons requested will perform a job with distinct functions, please use one form for each separate job.

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