The University at Albany, State University of New York (UAlbany) invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean and Director of Libraries. This is an exceptional opportunity for an accomplished and innovative leader who will advance the UAlbany Libraries as a strong advocate for the essential role of the library in learning, teaching, and research at UAlbany.

Founded in 1844, UAlbany is the oldest university campus in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, the largest comprehensive university system in the nation. This year UAlbany is educating 12,950 undergrads and 4,650 graduate students within its eight Colleges: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, School of Education, College of Computing and Information, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, School of Criminal Justice, School of Social Welfare, and School of Public Health. (Established this year, the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity will be the ninth UAlbany College.) Located in New York’s capital city, the University at Albany is a neighbor to nineteen other colleges in the Capital Region and is 150 miles north of New York City.

The UAlbany Libraries hold membership in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), and house one of the largest collections in the SUNY system, providing holdings including 2,252,934 print volumes, 2,939,471 microforms, 80,144 e-journals and 123,776 e-books to users around the world. The Libraries offer a broad range of in-person and online research and reference services as well as a strong program of information literacy instruction. The University employs 63 faculty and 33 staff members in three libraries: the University Library, the Science Library, and the Dewey Graduate Library.

Key opportunities and challenges for the new Dean will include providing visionary leadership for the UAlbany Libraries; being a strong advocate and spokesperson for the Libraries; leading and further developing a strong, service-oriented faculty and staff; leveraging the Libraries’ financial resources wisely and generating additional funding to improve growth and services; valuing and advancing diversity and inclusion efforts; participating effectively in system-level and national collaborations; and guiding and evaluating the adoption of technology.

The Dean and Director of Libraries position represents an outstanding opportunity for an experienced library leader with a history of collaborative and innovative leadership, including managing human, financial, technological, and physical resources. The successful candidate will have a Master of Library Science (MLS) degree from an ALA-accredited library school or its equivalent. A Ph.D. is preferred but not required. The successful candidate will also possess a record of research, publication and service to support appointment to full librarian status; career development that shows progressively responsible and demonstrated leadership experience in an
academic or research library; an understanding of the major challenges facing academic research libraries today; a collaborative leadership style that could foster initiatives within the library, across the campus, across the SUNY system, and nationally; demonstrated leadership in fostering and advancing diversity within an organization; public presence and the ability to represent the University effectively in outreach, development, and cooperative relationships; excellent managerial, organizational, communication, interpersonal and problem solving skills; and knowledge of digital trends and experience in a technology-driven information environment.

Review of nominations and applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. All inquiries, nominations/referrals and applications (including resumes and letters of interest responding to the position challenges and objectives outlined above) should be sent electronically and in confidence to:

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