



Position Announcement
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Association of Research Libraries

Director of Public Policy

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has a career opportunity for an experienced professional ready to lead the Association's advocacy and public policy agenda.

The Association has a proven record of accomplishment in the area of advocacy and public policy, most notably in copyright and other forms of intellectual property; information access; diversity, equity, and inclusion; accessibility; privacy; and open scholarship. ARL seeks a policy leader to advance the advocacy and public policy agenda, and to steadily cultivate and leverage a broad base of political and public support that elevates research libraries as impactful partners in research and learning in higher education, in national and international institutions, and in society.

Duties and Responsibilities

Reporting to the executive director, and working with the Advocacy and Public Policy Committee, the director will advance the advocacy and public policy agenda as approved by the ARL Board of Directors by:

- Developing, implementing, and delivering on the Association's legal advocacy and public policy agenda
- Informing and shaping US federal and, as appropriate, international government understanding of research library interests and needs
- Collaborating and building strong partnerships with legal and policy partners in and outside of the US in support of research library interests and needs
- Informing and engaging ARL members programmatically on legislation, regulations, policies, and court cases that impact their institutions, as well as the broader research and learning ecosystem

Qualifications

Working within a fast-paced team environment, this position requires a self-motivated and collaborative individual, with demonstrated understanding of research libraries and the research and learning ecosystem.

Education and Experience

Leadership experience working on Capitol Hill and with the executive branch of the US federal government for a library policy-making organization or a political or nonprofit organization related to libraries and archives, higher education, or research is required. International policy

experience and relationships are highly valued for this position. An advanced degree in public affairs or law is preferable.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Strong policy relationships, and evidence of collaboration with congressional offices, executive branch staff, and US and international partners and coalitions on key issues
- Demonstrated legislative, regulatory, and policy results related to a combination of any of the following: copyright and intellectual property; information access; diversity, equity, and inclusion; accessibility; privacy; or open scholarship
- Proven communication skills that move people to action
- Demonstrated aptitude for leading multiple projects simultaneously and meeting project deadlines

Information about the Association of Research Libraries

ARL is a nonprofit organization of 125 research libraries in Canada and the US representing universities, public libraries, and national libraries and archives.

The Association enjoys a rich history of accomplishments and contributions based on collaborative relationships with a wide range of communities in Canada, the United States, and outside North America. A [Board of Directors](#) is the governing and policy-making body for the Association.

The Association values diversity and is actively committed to a culture of inclusion and respect. The Association is dedicated to its member organizations and all of the constituencies they serve in developing and supporting diverse, equitable, and inclusive environments in libraries and archives.

For more information please consult the website at ARL.org.

Recruitment

We encourage candidates to apply who thrive in an environment that embraces diversity and inclusivity.

Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. ARL offers standard benefits including medical and dental insurance, sick leave, 22 days of vacation, and a 403(b) retirement plan.

Applications will be reviewed beginning January 15, 2019. Qualified applicants should submit a letter outlining interest and relevant experience, and a résumé to Mary Lee Kennedy (mkennedy@arl.org).

With questions about the position, contact:
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