

Information Literacy Program Internship, Fall 2017

DiMenna-Nyselius Library, Fairfield University

Location and Description of Program

Fairfield University serves a population of approximately 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students and is located in Fairfield, Connecticut, situated on the coastline about 1.5 hours by train or car from New York City and about 30 minutes from New Haven. In coordination with writing faculty and in the spirit of the University's mission, the DiMenna-Nyselius Library Information Literacy Program helps students to become savvy information consumers and lifelong learners. Through targeted in-person and online instruction, the Program develops students' abilities to critically analyze and reuse information—honing their understanding of how it is created, disseminated, and consumed in different media for various purposes. Students learn how to apply these skills ethically and legally throughout life, with a sense of social responsibility.

Description of Internship

The intern plays an active role in the Information Literacy Program and will:

- Work closely with the Instruction Coordinator to design and deliver approximately 8-10 library instruction classes. The exact number and types of classes will be determined through careful review of the intern's experience and interests, as well as our program's needs.
- Have the opportunity to observe seasoned instruction librarians and receive substantive feedback on content and delivery of instruction.
- Work collaboratively with faculty on lesson plans.
- Depending on experience, career interests, and need, the intern could also produce a project related to our instruction program. The intern would work closely with the Instruction Coordinator on such a project.
- Meet regularly with the Instruction Coordinator for ongoing feedback and discussion. Depending on experience, previous coursework, and interest, readings and discussions of information literacy related readings may be included.

The internship is an excellent opportunity to work in an academic environment, learn about information literacy in both theory and practice, and gain valuable instruction experience. The program can be modified to fulfill program requirements not satisfied by the structure described above.

This internship begins in September and runs through December, 2017. The Library offers flexible scheduling, which will be arranged with the Instruction Coordinator before the start of the internship.

Qualifications

Interns must be currently enrolled in a graduate-level Library and Information Science or School Media program. Relevant course work in reference or instruction preferred.

Contact

To apply, send a brief letter of interest and availability to Jeremiah Mercurio, Senior Reference Librarian and Instruction Coordinator.

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