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The Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, invites applications and nominations for the position of Chief Law Librarian, commencing July 1, 2023.

The Schulich School of Law's Sir James Dunn Library has a collection of approximately 116,559 volumes, numerous digital resources, and an operating budget of over \$1.81 million, including an acquisitions budget of \$817 thousand. Personnel include four professional librarians (in addition to the Chief Librarian), four full-time staff, and student and casual staff. A leader in information technology and interuniversity cooperation, the Dunn Law Library is, with the Dalhousie University Library, an active member of Novanet, a consortium of eight universities with the goal of enhancing access to information and knowledge through cooperation for the benefit of their user communities. Its Library Management System is ALMA.

The Dunn Law Library serves the needs of the Law School's 45 faculty, part-time faculty, 450 J.D. students, and 30 graduate students, and is an important resource for members of the legal profession in Atlantic Canada. The Library plays an essential role in the teaching, learning and research mission of the School, including librarians as instructors in the legal research and writing program, and as research partners with faculty and graduate students.

The Chief Law Librarian is responsible for: the strategic direction of the library; management, planning and development of the Library's services, programs, and collections; the management of the Library's budget and allocation of financial and human resources; the direction and development of library staff, and the fostering of collaborative relationships with faculty, students and staff. The Chief Law Librarian should also be capable of teaching Advanced Legal Research and participating in the first-year legal research and writing program.

The Dunn Law Library and its staff participate in the Dalhousie Libraries system. The Chief Law Librarian participates in the leadership of Dalhousie Libraries and may sit on other University-wide committees.

About the Schulich School of Law

We are a vibrant, collegial, and close-knit community of faculty and students from around the world. We live the Weldon Tradition of unselfish public service – of

giving back and making the world a better place. The Schulich School of Law plays an extraordinary role in Canadian and international legal education. We are a national law school with an international reputation. We draw talented students from every region of the country and from around the world into our J.D., combined J.D./Masters, LL.M., and Ph.D. programs. We graduate leaders. Our alumni hold every form of government office, teach in law schools, innovate in the provision of private and public sector legal services and in business, advance policy in the executive branch of governments, render decisions on courts across the country, and offer service to non-governmental bodies and non-profit and community organizations.

We embrace the interdisciplinary opportunity of working in a university, we value the creation and dissemination of new knowledge, and we are firmly committed to students and to teaching and learning excellence. We are conscious of the difference we make to law reform, adjudication, legal service, and community engagement at home and around the world. We value the contributions of the founding communities in this province, the Mi'kmaq Nation, Acadians, African Nova Scotians, and British, and we open our doors to the world.

For more information about our law school community, see <https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law.html>, and for the Schulich School of Law Strategic Plan, see <https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/about/strategic-directions-2017-2021.html>.

How to Apply

The successful candidate should have: a M.L.I.S. or M.I. from an accredited library school or equivalent, at least ten years' experience in a law library, proven supervisory and administrative skills, experience with library management systems and online legal research resources, strong interpersonal and communications skills, experience with EDIA initiatives, and a thorough familiarity with the present and future roles of a research library, the changing nature of information management, and the role of information technology in legal research. An LL.B. or relevant graduate degree is an asset.

The Chief Law Librarian reports directly to the Dean of the Schulich School of Law.

Applications should include a cover letter, resume, a maximum three-page vision statement, and the names of three referees. Applications should be submitted online at: <https://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/12151>.

The deadline for applications is January 22, 2023.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Dalhousie University commits to achieving inclusive excellence through continually championing equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. The university encourages applications from Indigenous persons (especially Mi'kmaq), persons of Black/African descent (especially African Nova Scotians), and members of other racialized groups, persons with disabilities, women, and persons identifying as members of 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please visit www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity.

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