



The Library

JOB VACANCY

Student Librarian – Research Consultations

Asian Library

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Asian Library is a hub of scholarship, learning and community connections, where research meets community. We maintain Asian-language holdings in numerous languages including Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Nepali, Persian, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tibetan and Urdu.

The Asian Library is seeking a Student Librarian to support the full range of activities at Asian Library, focusing on reference and research but including collection development, occasional instruction, and community engagement. The candidate will need familiarity with Asian languages and culture, as they will directly contribute to the Library's goal of supporting Asian language research for students, faculty and the community. Additionally, this position will help support the needs of our linguistically and culturally diverse patron base and contribute to the preservation and stability of the Library's Asian-language collections.

DUTIES

- Using Asian language and/or library skills within an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) framework, provides in-depth support of the library's reference services by providing research consultations to library users including students and faculty. This work includes:
 - Reference and research services to students, faculty, staff, and the public, including conducting reference interviews, assessing user needs, and developing or maintaining research guides.
- Using Asian language and/or library skills within an EDI framework, supports the library's efforts in:
 - Collection development including selection of Asian-language titles.
 - Instructional support, demonstrating the use of library resources and tools.
 - Community engagement by contributing to library displays and programming.
- Performs any other duties that pertain to the mandate of the library.

Note that this position works mainly onsite, with few if any exceptions.

Qualifications

REQUIRED

- Currently enrolled in the MLIS or MAS program at the iSchool
- Demonstrated interest in Asian language and culture
- Experience or knowledge related to incorporating equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) into overall professional practice
- Ability to build relationships and work collegially in a diverse, proactive, and team-oriented environment, in keeping with the UBC Respectful Environment Statement
- Strong oral and written communication skills; initiative, flexibility, and ability to work independently; reliability and flexibility in covering shifts
- Must be able to work on campus during Asian Library opening hours

PREFERRED

- Strong written and oral competency in Asian Languages that are offered by Asian Library. Japanese or Korean language competency is preferred for Summer 2026, followed by skills in Chinese, Hindi, Persian, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Tibetan or Urdu in no particular order.
- Experience working in public services (customer services)
- Interest in or experience with responding to research queries
- Ability to work independently
- Familiarity with the UBC Library system and its online resources

Rate of Pay

\$26.02 per hour

Hours of Work

This position is for the May – August 2026 summer term. Hours of work will be approx. 5-10 hours/week.

Working hours will be during Asian Library's summer opening hours: 9am – 5pm M-F.

Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. Please provide cover letter and resume with contact information for 2 references. Interested applicants should send their resume and cover letter to asian.library@ubc.ca by Wednesday, February 18, 11:59 pm.