Position Announcement
Information Services
Director of Research IT Services

Information Services (IS) manages the computing services infrastructure, scholarly information resources, and telecommunications networks supporting the University’s Lawrence campus and its mission of teaching, research, and service. Comprised of KU Information Technology and KU Libraries, IS collaborates and partners with faculty, administrative staff, students and technology professionals by providing expert guidance and assistance on using technology in support of teaching and research.

POSITION OVERVIEW:
KU seeks an enterprising professional to assume newly created responsibilities for directing its expanding program of support for research technology. The university is entering a period of heightened focus on its research mission and on faculty support in the research enterprise. Reporting to the Vice Provost for Information Services and CIO, the Director of Research IT Services will be accountable for the overall direction of research technology services, their suitability to meeting research faculty objectives, and their ongoing development and progression. This includes strategic and tactical plans for the development and support of technology use in research. The Director will play a critical role in research technology planning and coordination across the university.

The Director will serve as Information Services liaison with the professional schools, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the University of Kansas Center for Research (KUCR) and its Research Centers on the application of information technology systems to research. The incumbent will work closely with senior IT management and the newly formed Research and Consulting Services unit to manage and deploy systems that promote the interoperability of research data and technology, and manage the development of dedicated research support professionals campus-wide as required and in collaboration with research and academic departments. Working with the Associate Vice Provost for Information Services, the Dean of Libraries and the newly formed Scholar Services unit, the Director will share program development and oversight of faculty-focused application services for GIS, numeric data, multi-modal data, digital imaging, and other emerging technologies.

RESPONSIBILITIES
- Plan, develop, and evaluate centrally managed research technology systems and related support services at KU that expand across all academic areas;
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships in central IT and the Libraries as required toward the goal of integrated development and delivery of research and faculty technology services;
- Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with key KU constituencies such as KUCR, research center directors, departmental academic leaders and liaisons, IT-related advisory and governance bodies, and the KU Medical Center and Edwards Campus as appropriate;
- Organize and implement regular and periodic engagement with the research community to enable ongoing input on research activities and technology needs;
• Develop, as appropriate, programmatic responses and resource deployment strategies to effectively support research activities at Lawrence campus;
• Provide timely reporting of program and resource utilization as well as outcomes of research support efforts;
• Actively participate in Information Services and University-wide committees, working groups and organizations that are focused on research infrastructure planning, policy, and support;
• Maintain a high level of knowledge and awareness of emerging technological developments in areas related to research and faculty computing;
• Participate in campus, regional and national research technology conversations and events as appropriate (travel is likely to be required);
• Serve as the IT service owner for designated research services, working closely with the IT service managers and functional services owners/managers in support of these designated research services.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

• Bachelor’s or higher degree and 5 years of broad information technology experience of increasing responsibility in an academic setting
• Evidence of research technology experience, particularly with respect to the following: a) high-performance computing, grid computing and visualization; b) program development; c) understanding of networking issues; and d) collaborative technologies
• Evidence of working with major, specialized research applications, emerging technologies and infrastructures (such as, but not limited to XML, GIS, SPSS, SASS, R, grid computing, etc.)
• Demonstrated experience supporting researchers in a university setting
• Demonstrated experience in program planning, management, and evaluation
• Demonstrated project management skills
• Evidence of strong analytical skills
• Exceptional written communication skills

PREFERRED

• Bachelor’s or higher degree in Computer Science, Sciences, Social Sciences, or Humanities
• Experience supervising technical teams
• Exceptional interpersonal and verbal communication skills

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

This is an unclassified professional position. Must present proof of eligibility to work in the United States upon appointment.
ENVIRONMENT

The University’s main campus sits on a beautifully landscaped hilltop in Lawrence, Kansas, located between Kansas City and Topeka. A diverse community of 90,000, Lawrence offers extensive public and cultural amenities. More information about Lawrence is available at http://www.visitlawrence.com/
Additional information about Information Services is available at http://www.informationservices.ku.edu.

Committed to diversifying our workforce, Information Services seeks candidates who will contribute affirmatively and creatively to the university’s multicultural environment. It is our goal to have the richest possible mix of perspectives, life-experiences, interests, worldviews and cultures in our campus community.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled. Initial screening will begin August 3, 2007.

Only on-line applications accepted. Complete application includes: letter of interest, a statement addressing each of the required and preferred qualifications, resume, and the names with contact information of three references. A full position description and application requirements can be found at http://jobs.ku.edu. Search for position 00065374.

Finalists for this position must complete an on-site interview process which may include a public presentation and portfolio review.

The University of Kansas is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. The University encourages applications from underrepresented group members. Federal and state legislation prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, disability, and veteran status. In addition, University policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, marital status, and parental status.