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RE: Public Health PhD proposal – Mansfield Library Response

RECOMMENDATION

The School of Public and Community Health Sciences, within the College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences, is submitting a Level II Board of Regents request to create a PhD in Public Health. The proposed PhD program builds on the currently offered Masters of Public Health, and Certificate of Public Health programs. Given the current level of collections in relevant disciplines at The University of Montana, I recommend library approval of this proposed new PhD degree without additional resources. However, further reductions to the Mansfield Library budget could impact the ability to adequately support this new degree program. Particularly given its research focus. It is recommended that the Mansfield Library be included in future grant funding models so that information resources and library services can continue to adequately support research needs and curricular requirements of this new major.

LIBRARY DESCRIPTION

The University of Montana libraries are teaching and research libraries that provide an array of information resources and services in support of the curricular and research programs of the University. These resources include traditional library collections and electronic access to a network of research databases, ejournal packages, electronic journal subscriptions, and a web-based library catalog. The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library comprises the heart of UM’s library system. Collections exceed 1.6 million bound volumes, including more than 218,000 electronic books, access to over 38,000 print and electronic journals, an expanding array of electronic databases, nearly 100,000 media, a federal government documents depository collection, and an archives and special collections. These collections are supplemented by an active interlibrary loan service through which the resources of other libraries are made available, free of charge, to students, staff, and faculty.
LIBRARY COLLECTIONS

The Mansfield Library (including the College of Technology Missoula campus) has an acquisitions budget of over 4.2 million dollars. The acquisitions budget has decreased over the last four years. The Mansfield Library strives to maintain a balance between monograph/media and journal and database acquisitions. The Mansfield Library supplements the acquisitions budget with gifts and endowments and collaborative campus funding. The Mansfield Library has greatly increased journal holdings over the last decade through collaborative, consortial group purchases, while also increasing monograph and media purchases and ensuring rapid and comprehensive acquisitions through an Approval Book Plan.

For more information about Collection Development at The University of Montana see http://www.lib.umt.edu/node/117

Collection Assessment Criteria:

A. Description of New Program and Related Programs at UM and Other Universities:
The School of Public and Community Health Sciences at the University of Montana provides professionals in the field, and those new to public health, an opportunity to obtain a Masters of Public Health (MPH), as well as a Certificate of Public Health (CPH). Our current mission is to provide distance-based learning opportunities, supported by scholarship and service activities, to prepare public health practitioners who will use global insight to improve the health of the people of Montana and other rural areas. To date, this online component has been an important strength of the program. The School of Public and Community Health Sciences is currently the only accredited MPH degree program in Montana, and the only program in the Rocky Mountain west to offer an online learning core curriculum. This proposal requests approval of a new Ph.D. program in Public Health within the University of Montana's School of Public and Community Health Sciences, expanding our current online MPH/CPH programs by offering on-campus coursework, training, and research opportunities. The proposed Ph.D. program will be housed within the School of Public and Community Health Sciences. The Ph.D. program will be independent yet complementary to the other doctoral degrees currently offered within the College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences (including Biomedical Sciences, Environmental Toxicology, and Neuroscience). The doctoral program will have a strong research component. It is expected that additional faculty and an administrative assistant will be needed particularly as the program grows.

B. Journals: Based on a subject category browse of Journal Titles the Library has access to 146 journals with "public health" in their title; 8,989 journals categorized as relevant to Health Sciences; and within Health Sciences 1,118 journals categorized as related to Public Health. Note that the numbers represented here are not unique, in that there is likely overlap of journals in multiple subject areas.

C. Quality of Core Journals: According to Journal Citation Reports (JCR 2013), and use of Impact Factor to determine the top journals for each discipline, the Library has subscription access to 100% (all 40) of the top 40 journals in Public, Environmental, and Occupational Health, 97% (39 of the 40) of the top 40 journals in Infectious Diseases, and 97% (39 of the 40) of the top 40 journals in Toxicology.
D. **Databases**: Relevant databases currently available include: Academic Search Complete; CAB Abstracts; CINAHL Plus with Fulltext; Cochrane Library; GIDEON; Global Health (including the archive); Journals@Ovid Fulltext; ProQuest Dissertations Database; PubMed; R2 Digital Health Sciences Library; SAGE Online Journals (including backfiles); ScienceDirect (including backfiles); Springer Ebooks; Springer Ejournals (including backfiles); TOXLINE; Web of Science; Wiley Ejournals; and WorldCat. Relevant discipline specific databases not currently available include: EMBASE; Nature Ejournal backfile; and Wiley Ejournal backfiles.

E. **Books and Media**: A keyword phrase search of "african american" in the Search Library Resources discovery box finds 29,843 results for books, 5,908 results for electronic books, and 4,302 results for media (Audio Visual) in the Mansfield Library collection. Limiting those results to the last five years (2009 to the present) finds 9,767 items available. Additionally, the Mansfield Library is a Regional Federal Depository library with a comprehensive collection of U.S. government documents; the library also has an Archives and Special Collections unit with archival and manuscript holdings related to the cultural, environmental, and legislative history of Western Montana.

F. **Interlibrary Loan**: Interlibrary loan supplements the collection and is free of charge to UM faculty, students, and staff. The Mansfield Library is a net lender. During Fiscal Year 2015 the Mansfield Library borrowed over 8,000 books and articles for UM faculty, students, and staff and lent over 16,000 books and articles for users at other libraries.

**LIBRARY SERVICES**

Core library services available to faculty, students, and staff associated with The University of Montana are summarized on the library’s webpage:

- Faculty and Staff Services
  [http://www.lib.umt.edu/faculty](http://www.lib.umt.edu/faculty)

- Student Services
  [http://www.lib.umt.edu/students](http://www.lib.umt.edu/students)

- Distance Education Services
  [http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/dels](http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/dels)

- Information Literacy Curriculum
  [http://www.lib.umt.edu/informationliteracy](http://www.lib.umt.edu/informationliteracy)

Note that with new academic programs and increasing numbers of students and faculty, additional demands and resource needs will be placed across the scope of library services.