



Wikipedian in Residence

Concordia University Library seeks a Wikipedian in Residence to engage with the community and to contribute to its goal of fostering digital literacy.

Concordia University is one of Canada's most dynamic universities in one of North America's most livable cities. It reflects a unique blend of commitments to diversity, accessibility, social responsibility, and innovation. With over 45,000 students (approximately 7,500 international) and over 2,000 full-time and part-time professors, Concordia is recognized for offering a rich academic experience combined with strong community engagement.

Concordia University Library provides collections and services fundamental to academic success, creation, the advancement of knowledge, and lifelong learning. With a team of 120 librarians, professionals and support staff who put student and faculty success at the centre of their practice, the Library collaborates to achieve the goals outlined in our [strategic plan](#) and in the University's [strategic framework and directions](#). For more information about the services and operations of the Library, see <http://library.concordia.ca/>.

Concordia University Library is committed to playing essential roles in teaching and learning on campus, in supporting student success, and in advocating for and advancing open resources and scholarship. The recently transformed Webster Library, on the Sir George Williams Campus, features a [Technology Sandbox](#) and [Visualization Studio](#). The University's [Digital Strategy](#) emphasizes digital capabilities and improved digital literacy for all Concordians as one of its objectives.

The overarching goal of the residency is the promotion of Wikipedia, digital literacy, and the creation of a long-lasting partnership between the Wikimedia Foundation and Concordia. Examples of [Wikipedians and Wikimedians in residence](#) demonstrate the range of activities and projects undertaken.

As part of the residency, Concordia Library will provide:

- Supervision to the Wikipedian in Residence
- A workspace with computing equipment
- Access to Library resources, print and electronic collections, and technological infrastructure
- Teaching and learning spaces for conducting face-to-face instructional sessions with small and larger groups
- Opportunities to interact with Concordia Library staff

Responsibilities

- Be available to commit 6-8 hours per week to the residency. On-site attendance is expected for the majority of the residency.
- Facilitate partnership between the Wikimedia community and Concordia University.
- Build capacity for Concordia University to work with Wikimedia on projects.
- Promote understanding of Wikipedia, the Wikimedia commons, Wikidata, and the open movement among the Concordia community (students, faculty and staff, including library personnel) through workshops and events.
- Assist instructors and librarians wishing to integrate Wikipedia into their teaching and learning activities.
- Coordinate events, such as edit-a-thons, that bring Wikipedians on-site to work with staff on content creation and improvement.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree with an additional 3 years work- or education-related experience.
- Experience with one or more of: Wikipedia editing, contributing to the Wikimedia commons, Wikidata projects. Experience providing training for one of these is an asset.
- Knowledge of the open movement, including open education, open pedagogy, open access, open science, open scholarship, and creative commons licensing.
- Familiarity with and interest in digital literacy initiatives in higher education and the broader community.
- Demonstrated experience in planning and delivering small projects with multiple partners is preferred.
- Oral and written fluency in English is essential. Oral fluency in French and basic written French are assets.

Funding and duration

The residency is planned for one year, beginning in the winter of 2019. A 12-month contract for one day a week has a salary of \$10,000.

Application Procedure

Interested candidates must supply the following in **one (1) single PDF attachment:**

- a letter of interest;
- curriculum vitae, which must include a statement of your citizenship;
- the names, email addresses and telephone numbers of two references.

Applications should be sent to employment.library@concordia.ca. Applications must be received by **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2019**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

For more information or questions about the Wikipedian in Residence, contact Lorie Kloda, Associate University Librarian, Planning & Community Relations (lorie.kloda@concordia.ca)

Concordia University is strongly committed to employment equity within its community, and to recruiting a diverse faculty and staff. The University encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including women, members of visible minorities, Indigenous persons, members of sexual minorities, persons with disabilities, and others who may contribute to diversification; candidates are invited to self-identify in their applications. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and Permanent Residents will be given priority.