



**OBAFEMI AWOLowo UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE, NIGERIA**  
**VACANCY**  
**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN**  
**HEZEKIAH OLUWASANMI LIBRARY**

The Post of the Librarian of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife, Nigeria, will be vacant by 13th of July, 2023. In accordance with the provisions of the Obafemi Awolowo University Law, as amended, the Council of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife wishes to commence the process for the appointment of a new Librarian for the University.

Consequently, applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified candidates for the position. Interested applicants are requested to note the following information:

### **THE UNIVERSITY**

The Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife, is a first generation comprehensive public institution established in 1961 as The University of Ife, by the then Western Region of Nigeria. In August 1975, the Federal Government of Nigeria took over the University and in 1987 renamed it after Chief Obafemi Awolowo, a frontline Nigerian Statesman and one of the University's founding fathers. The University is situated on a vast expanse of land of 11,861 hectares in Ile-Ife, Osun State, Southwest of Nigeria.

The Vision of the founders of the University was to establish an institution dedicated to the promotion of learning and culture. The aim was to create an institution for developing a cadre of high-level manpower, qualified in various fields. The focus was on the development of teaching and research facilities that would be used to provide solutions to problems of national development.

The University has continued to be a renowned Centre of Excellence over the years. Known as 'the most beautiful' campus South of Sub - Sahara Africa, it has produced among its staff, a Nobel Laureate and National Merit Award Winners, the University has blazed the trail in the inventions of modern technologies applicable for alleviating some of society's challenges today. From an enrolment figure of 244 at inception, Obafemi Awolowo University as at 2021/2022 academic session had a total student enrolment figure of 34,036. Also, the University which took off with a staff strength of 94 members, has grown to have a staff profile of 4,000 comprising 1,365 academic staff and 2,635 non-teaching staff.

### **HEZEKIAH OLUWASANMI LIBRARY**

Hezekiah Oluwasanmi Library, the Central Library of Obafemi Awolowo University established in 1962, is the major repository of all academic resources (books, journals, theses, government documents etc.) which serve the needs of both staff and students of the University as well as other interested were in the Community. The Library holds over 700,000 volumes of books, several journals and print materials. It also has two Electronic Libraries units providing electronic services.

The Library is subscribed to scholarly Databases which provide access to learning and research resources that are available globally for the use of staff and students of the University. Library facilities can be

accessed through <https://www.library.oauife.edu.ng>. The University has a Central Library, Hezekiah Oluwasanmi Library, a medical Library, the Law Library and 12 Faculties Libraries in addition to Libraries located in the institutes and centres. There is an OAU Publications unit has amassed documents that emanated from the University and a budding International Repository Lab (i.r.oauife.edu.ng) that archives the University intellectual property. As a hybrid Library, Hezekiah Oluwasanmi has launched into the Digital realm of the Library services. The Library has access to the Telepresence cloud computing facilities available at the University's ICT Centre.

## **THE JOB**

- (i) The University Librarian is a Principal Officer and responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration of the University Library and the co-ordination of Library services in the University. He/she will be required to administer the Hezekiah Oluwasanmi Library System and to develop it to meet the University's increasing needs especially its post-graduate and research programmes.
- (ii) The appointment shall be for a single term of five (5) years on such terms and conditions as the Council of the University shall stipulate. The appointment is further governed by the Federal Government Establishment circulars as may be adopted by the Council from time to time

## **THE CANDIDATE**

Must be visionary, have the ability to provide good leadership and command respect and loyalty of staff of the University. Candidates must also possess personal integrity and demonstrate transparency in private and public life.

## **QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE**

The candidate should possess at least a minimum higher degree of Masters in Library and Information Science with fifteen (15) years of cognate experience. Possession of a Doctorate Degree will be an added advantage. Candidates are also required to have scholarly publications in reputable journals and must be members of the following:

- i) Librarian Registration Council of Nigeria
- ii) Nigerian Library Association.

In addition, he/she :

- a. must not be not less than 50years nor older than of 65years by 12th, July, 2023;
- b. must be a person of impeccable integrity and strong moral character with ability to relate excellently with staff, students and the general public;
- c. must be a person with an articulate vision for the development of the University and the Hezekiah Oluwasanmi Library in particular, combined with a strong passion to implement the vision;
- d. must be of good physical and mental health, with pleasant disposition
- e. must be up-to-date in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills
- f. must be a person of strong character, sound leadership skills and ability to instill confidence and engender trust in his/her members of staff;
- g. must be devoid of any criminal record; and

- h. must be totally free from financial embarrassment.

## **CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

The appointment is for a single tenure of five (5) years, while salary and other conditions of service shall be as approved for Librarians of Federal Universities by the Federal Government of Nigeria and the Council of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.

## **METHOD OF APPLICATION**

Candidates are required to submit fifteen (15) copies and one soft copy on a CD of a word-processed application, an up-to-date detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) with names of three (3) referees to the Registrar, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife which should be marked 'Confidential: for the attention of the 'Registrar' at the left-hand top corner of the envelope, to reach her not later than six (6) weeks from the date of publication.

**Late applications will NOT be entertained and only applications of shortlisted candidates will be acknowledged.**

The CV of applicants must contain the following:

### **A. Personal Data**

1. Full Name (Surname first)
2. Date of Birth
3. Contact Details
  - (a) Physical Address
  - (b) E-mail Address(es)
  - (c) Mobile Phone Number(s)
4. Nationality
5. State of Origin
6. Senatorial District
7. Local Government Area
8. Permanent Home Address
9. Marital Status
10. Number of Children and their Ages

### **B. Educational Background**

1. Higher Educational Institutions Attended with Dates
2. Academic/Professional Qualifications and Distinctions Obtained with Dates:
3. Other Distinctions and Awards with Dates:
  - (a) Scholarship
  - (b) Fellowship
  - (c) Research Grants
  - (d) National Awards
  - (e) International Awards

### **C. Work Experience with Dates**

1. Previous Work Experience Outside the University System with Dates
2. Previous Work Experience in Other Universities
3. Work Experience in Obafemi Awolowo University (If applicable).

D. **Membership of Professional Bodies**

E. **Publications:**

1. Thesis/Dissertation
2. Books and Monographs
3. Contribution to Books
4. Published Journals Articles
5. Edited and Referred Conference Proceedings
6. Articles Accepted for Publication
7. Manuscript Submitted for Publication
8. Creative Work
9. Technical Reports
10. Papers and Work in Progress

F. **Professional Accomplishments**

G. **Conferences, Seminars and Workshops Attended with Dates**

H. **Current Research Activities**

**Signature and Date**

Each applicant must submit fifteen copies (15) and a soft copy of a statement of his/her vision for the University, and particularly the growth and administration of the Hezekiah Oluwasanmi Library.

**REFEREES REPORT**

Each referee must be contacted by the applicant to forward, directly to the Registrar, a confidential report on the candidate's character, administrative and managerial competencies in a properly sealed envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL – Application for the Post of Librarian: Referee's report" at the top left corner of the envelope within the period allowed for the submission of the application.

**Signed:**

**M. I. Omosule**

**Registrar and Secretary to Council**