

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN AND CHIEF KNOWLEDGE OFFICER

Leadership Profile



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and the Dr. C.C. and Mabel L. Criss Library seek a forward-thinking, innovative, and data-driven leader to serve as the University Librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer (UL/CKO).

Criss Library is a dynamic academic enterprise at the heart of UNO's metropolitan mission. Serving students, faculty, researchers, and community partners, the library provides access to robust collections, archives and special collections, research services, and innovative learning spaces. It functions as a central knowledge ecosystem that supports digital scholarship, research data management, interdisciplinary collaboration, and emerging technologies that advance student and faculty success and research growth.

For more than 100 years, UNO has been firmly anchored in its community, forging partnerships with business, government, education, arts, and civic organizations. No fences or barriers separate students from the opportunities the greater Omaha community offers. At the heart of UNO's metropolitan university mission is the belief and understanding that success at UNO means success for Omaha, and success for Omaha means success for UNO.

The next UL/CKO will build upon the library's strong foundation to develop a compelling vision for the future of knowledge at UNO. This leader will guide the transformation of the library beyond traditional models into a future-ready knowledge enterprise that fuels innovation, digital scholarship, data stewardship, and interdisciplinary discovery. The UL/CKO will champion student, faculty, and staff success while positioning UNO to thrive in an increasingly digital and knowledge-driven world.

The ideal candidate will possess an advanced degree appropriate for a tenured faculty appointment and a record of scholarly and professional accomplishment commensurate with appointment at the rank of Professor.

ROLE OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN AND CHIEF KNOWLEDGE OFFICER

Reporting to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the University Librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer (UL/CKO) serves as the senior academic and administrative leader of Criss Library and as the university's executive leader for institutional knowledge strategy. As a member of the university's academic leadership team, the UL/CKO plays a central role in shaping UNO's academic, research, and digital future.

The UL/CKO is charged with providing visionary, innovative, and effective leadership for the library faculty and staff while stewarding Criss Library's role as a dynamic knowledge ecosystem. This includes advancing academic excellence and intellectual engagement; ensuring that library services, collections, technologies, and spaces meet the needs of contemporary learners and researchers; and positioning the library as a catalyst for research growth, student success, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

At a time of rapid transformation in higher education, scholarly communication, and emerging technologies, the UL/CKO provides strategic leadership to ensure alignment with institutional priorities focused on research expansion, student-centered success, workforce development, and community engagement. As Chief Knowledge Officer, the UL/CKO leads enterprise-wide efforts to strengthen digital scholarship, research data infrastructure, open knowledge initiatives, and the responsible integration of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies. The UL/CKO ensures that UNO's knowledge systems and digital infrastructure are scalable, sustainable, and responsive to evolving academic and community needs.

The UL/CKO fosters a collegial, welcoming, and inclusive environment where faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds are able to learn, work, and collaborate in a supportive and intellectually vibrant setting. The UL/CKO upholds shared governance, promotes transparency in decision-making, and cultivates a culture defined by communication, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

More specifically, the UL/CKO is responsible for leadership and oversight of the following areas:

- » **Institutional knowledge strategy:** Develop and implement a comprehensive university-wide knowledge strategy that aligns information resources, digital infrastructure, research support, and academic priorities to advance teaching, scholarship, and institutional effectiveness.
- » **Student success and academic support:** Ensure that library services, spaces, and technologies support diverse learners across programs and modalities; advance information literacy, AI literacy, and digital fluency; and foster a student-centered culture of access, care, and engagement.
- » **Research development and digital scholarship:** Lead efforts to strengthen research data management, digital scholarship initiatives, institutional repositories, and open access strategies. Partner with academic and research leaders to enhance the visibility, impact, and external funding competitiveness of UNO scholarship.
- » **Faculty and staff recruitment and development:** Recruit, retain, and develop a highly qualified and diverse library faculty and staff. Support faculty and staff scholarship, professional development, and engagement, and oversee reappointment, promotion, and tenure processes consistent with university policies.

- » **Academic excellence and program vitality:** Ensure the continued vitality, relevance, and sustainability of library programs and services through assessment, strategic planning, and data-informed decision-making. Identify emerging opportunities that enhance UNO's competitive position in the knowledge economy.
- » **Fiscal management and strategic resource allocation:** Provide responsible stewardship of library financial resources, including budgeting, long-term planning for digital infrastructure and collections, and strategic allocation of funds to support institutional priorities and innovation.
- » **Resource development and advancement:** Collaborate with university advancement partners to secure philanthropic support for collections, facilities, technology, and strategic initiatives that enhance the library's long-term impact.
- » **Personnel leadership and organizational effectiveness:** Oversee personnel processes, including searches, hiring, annual performance evaluations, and all other personnel matters for library faculty and staff. Foster a culture of accountability, collaboration, and service excellence.
- » **Engagement and representation:** Represent Criss Library and the university in internal and external forums, enhancing the visibility and reputation of the library as a forward-looking, innovative academic partner. Strengthen relationships with campus leaders, community organizations, and regional and national peers.
- » **Strategic planning and institutional alignment:** Lead collaborative strategic planning efforts for the library, regularly assess progress toward key goals, and ensure alignment with UNO's broader academic and metropolitan mission.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPECTATIONS

The following are important priorities for the next UL/CKO:

- » Articulate and implement a bold vision for the future of Criss Library as a central knowledge ecosystem and strategic driver of research growth, digital scholarship, and student success at UNO.
- » Position UNO as a leader in the evolving knowledge economy by strengthening digital scholarship, research data infrastructure, open knowledge initiatives, and responsible AI-enabled innovation.
- » Elevate the library's role as an academic and intellectual hub, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, creative activity, and knowledge activation across campus and within the Omaha community.
- » Advance student success and academic excellence by enhancing learning spaces, digital services, information literacy, AI literacy, and inclusive access to knowledge resources across modalities.
- » Strengthen research competitiveness and visibility by expanding support for sponsored research, data stewardship, and scholarly communication that amplifies the impact of UNO faculty and students.
- » Foster a welcoming, inclusive, and collaborative organizational culture that supports faculty and staff development, shared governance, transparency, and innovation.
- » Enhance philanthropic and external partnerships that support strategic investments in collections, technology, facilities, and emerging initiatives.
- » Elevate the library's regional and national profile as a forward-looking model for academic knowledge stewardship, digital transformation, and community engagement.

QUALIFICATIONS AND LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES

The University Librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer (UL/CKO) is a tenured faculty member with rank appropriate to an academic appointment at the level of Professor. The UL/CKO serves as a member of the academic leadership team and works in close collaboration with the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, fellow deans, campus leaders, and faculty and staff in advancing UNO's mission of research, teaching, learning, scholarship, and service.

The UL/CKO provides energetic, strategic, and intellectually grounded leadership to the university community and plays a significant role in shaping institutional vision related to knowledge strategy, digital infrastructure, and research innovation.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications and characteristics:

- » Distinguished academic and administrative leadership experience with credentials meriting appointment at the rank of Professor, and a demonstrated commitment to excellence and innovation in scholarship, research, and academic service.
- » Demonstrated success leading innovation in academic libraries or comparable knowledge-centered organizations, including experience with digital transformation, research data systems, emerging technologies, and evolving models of scholarly communication.
- » A proven ability to articulate and advance a shared strategic vision, inspire collaboration, and build consensus across diverse constituencies in a complex academic environment.
- » Experience supporting research growth and sponsored programs, including an understanding of research data management, externally funded research, distinctive collections, and the infrastructure required to support large-scale scholarly activity.
- » Commitment to fostering a welcoming environment that promotes access, equity, belonging, and intellectual diversity among faculty, staff, and students.
- » Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to build strong relationships across campus and with external stakeholders, including community partners, donors, and peer institutions. Demonstrated integrity, sound judgment, and emotional intelligence.
- » Demonstrated commitment to student success, including support for information literacy, digital fluency, experiential learning, and preparation of students for participation in a rapidly evolving, knowledge-driven workforce.
- » Innovative orientation and experience securing external resources, including philanthropic support, grants, or strategic partnerships that advance institutional priorities.
- » Strong managerial and operational acumen, including experience overseeing personnel, budgets, facilities, and complex organizational systems, with a collaborative and transparent leadership style.

- » An understanding of the importance of institutional visibility, branding, and public engagement, and the ability to elevate the reputation and impact of the library within the university and beyond.

LIBRARY STRUCTURE AND POINTS OF PRIDE

The Dr. C.C. and Madel L. Criss Library serves as the primary academic information resource for the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). Located at the center of UNO's Dodge Campus, thirty-four library faculty and staff (as of April 2026) provide access to extensive collections, academic and reference services, information technologies, and collaborative learning environments that support teaching, learning, research, and community engagement.

The library functions as a central hub for intellectual exploration and interdisciplinary collaboration at UNO. With Flexible study environments, advanced research support, and innovative technology resources, Criss Library fosters physical and virtual spaces that support the university's metropolitan mission and academic priorities.

Criss Library's collections include hundreds of thousands of books, journals, government documents, and digital resources supporting the university's teaching and research needs, alongside distinctive archival and special collections that support teaching and attract regional, national, and international researchers.

Departments and Core Library Functions

Criss Library supports the academic mission of the university through several integrated functional areas that collectively advance research, teaching, and student success.

- » **Research and Instruction Services:** Librarians partner with faculty and students throughout the research process by offering subject expertise, research consultations, and course-integrated instruction. These services support the development of information literacy, research skills, and academic inquiry across disciplines.
- » **Collections and Scholarly Resources:** The library manages a robust collection of print and digital resources that support the teaching, research, and creative activities of the university community. Collections include books, journals, streaming media, government documents, databases, and digital resources. Interlibrary loan and document delivery services extend access to resources from institutions worldwide.
- » **Archives and Special Collections:** The seven permanent faculty and staff of Archives and Special Collections acquire, preserve, and provide access to rare and unique print and digital materials documenting the history of UNO, the Omaha region, and specialized research topics. Notable collections include the University Archives, the U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel Archives, the Kripke-Veret Collection of the Jewish Federation, the Queer Omaha Archives, and the Arthur Paul Afghanistan Collection. Notable activities

include an instruction and tour program totaling 377 sessions and 4430 people since 2021, robust community partnerships and grant writing, and a successful internship program hosting 32 interns and practicum students since 2021.

- » **Technology and Digital Services:** The library supports digital scholarship and technology-enabled learning through services that provide access to digital collections, online research tools, and emerging technologies that enhance teaching, research, and creative activity.

Centers and Innovative Spaces

Criss Library is home to several specialized spaces that support experimentation, creativity, and interdisciplinary learning.

- » **Creative Production Lab (CPL):** The Creative Production Lab provides access to cutting-edge tools and technologies including virtual reality equipment, 3D printing and scanning, laser cutting, and multimedia production tools. The CPL offers one-on-one consultations and workshops to help students and faculty develop digital and creative skills.
- » **Osborne Family Gallery:** Located within the library, the H. Don and Connie J. Osborne Family Gallery hosts exhibitions and cultural programming that connect scholarship, art, and community engagement.
- » **Collaborative Learning Spaces:** Criss Library provides a variety of flexible study environments including collaborative group spaces, individual study rooms, a quiet study floor, technology-enabled classrooms, and instruction labs designed to support active learning and research.

Points of Pride

Criss Library plays a central role in advancing UNO's academic mission through innovation, collaboration, and community engagement.

Highlights include:

- » 318,590 visitors to Criss Library in 2024-2025
- » Over 740,00 physical books and over 2,000,000 electronic books
- » 16,599 visitors to the Creative Production Lab
- » \$4,887,846 in Open Educational Resources savings in 2024-2025

- » 150,000 grant for Access to the Archives of the Great Plains Black History Museum, 2024-2026, the first NHPRC grant received at UNO.
- » 30,000 books received to create the Kripke-Veret Collection of the Jewish Federation, the largest regional collection of Judaica.
- » 10th anniversary of the Queer Omaha Archives, one of the largest LGBTQ collections in the region, supported by over 100 collection donors, private donations, and seven grants.
- » The Barbara A. Holland Collection for Service Learning and Community Engagement (SLCE), the world's largest physical collection, includes engagement research in higher education, K-12 schools, the community-based organization sector, and Tribal Nations.



Student Success and Academic Support

Supporting student learning and success is central to the mission of Criss Library. Librarians work closely with faculty and academic programs to integrate research instruction into courses and assignments while providing individualized research consultations and academic support.

Students benefit from access to collaborative study rooms, technology-equipped classrooms, quiet study areas, and specialized support services designed to help them navigate the research process and develop lifelong information literacy skills.

Innovative programs such as the Creative Production Lab expand student opportunities to develop digital fluency, creative problem-solving skills, and hands-on experience with emerging technologies.



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

Who We Are

As both a Metropolitan University of distinction and a Carnegie Doctoral Research Institution, the University of Nebraska at Omaha transforms and improves the quality of life locally, nationally, and globally. UNO is recognized as the premier Metropolitan University throughout the United States and the world.

UNO is fueled by its historical ties to Omaha. It was founded in 1908 by the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Omaha. As the first municipal university in Omaha, the early founders' goal was to make higher education accessible and affordable for the city's residents. In 1968, the campus joined the University of Nebraska system and today has the unique role of serving as the state's metropolitan campus.

Accessibility is a top priority in UNO's mission and vision. Today, the campus is known for its student-centered environment, its community engagement, and its dedication to embracing students from all types of backgrounds. The campus has built strong partnerships with local business, education, government, arts, and civic organizations in the city. UNO's commitment to community engagement has landed UNO on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for seven consecutive years—the highest federal recognition a school can receive for civic engagement. UNO was among the first institutions to receive the Carnegie designation for community engagement.

This honor is but one of many points of pride. UNO is regularly ranked among the top ten public institutions in the nation for military friendliness by Military Times magazine. Nearly 90 percent of UNO's 15,000 plus students are from Nebraska, and roughly 60 percent of recent alumni surveyed report graduating with no debt or less than \$5,000 in debt. UNO is one of the most competitively priced institutions in the region. While large enough to provide students with global opportunities, UNO thrives on its personal and close-knit campus culture, where students come first and partnerships with the community grow every day.

In addition to program-specific accreditations, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accredits UNO. The University's HLC accreditation status was last reaffirmed in a 10-year comprehensive accreditation report in 2018. UNO is also a member of the American Association of State Colleges & Universities (AASCU), American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), Coalition of Urban & Metropolitan Universities (CUMU), Engaged Scholarship Consortium (ESC), Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), and the Metropolitan Omaha Education Consortium (MOEC), among others.

Our Students

Nearly 85% of UNO's approximately 16,000 students are drawn from the Omaha Metro region. Approximately 40% of UNO students are first generation students and nearly 30% of UNO students are students of color. UNO enrolls both traditional and non-traditional students with around 29% of students attending UNO part-time. UNO also attracts a significant international population, enrolling nearly 800 students from more than 65 countries. UNO has close ties to Offutt Air Force Base, enrolling about 125 active-duty students each year. UNO students are taught by 650 full-time and more than 540 part-time faculty and are supported by 1,300 staff members.

UNO is also home to two major full-tuition financial need-based scholarship programs that make our high-quality undergraduate education as broadly accessible as possible. The Goodrich Scholarship Program was created almost 50 years ago, and of the approximately 230 current student scholars, more than 70% are first-generation, and 65% are students of color. Funded by the Buffett Foundation, the Thompson Learning Community also provides full-ride scholarships to students with financial need. Nearly one (1) in nine (9) (around 1,150) UNO undergraduate students are part of TLC, and like the Goodrich Scholarship Program, many are first-generation (65%), and more than 65% are students of color.

Academic and Campus Resources

UNO offers nationally recognized bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees that meet the diverse needs of traditional and nontraditional students. UNO's more than 200 programs are offered through six colleges:

- » College of Arts and Sciences
- » College of Business Administration
- » College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media
- » College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences
- » College of Information Science and Technology
- » College of Public Affairs and Community Service

The Criss Library serves the entire campus and is a hub of innovation, housing the Creative Production Lab, Center for Faculty Excellence, and Office of Digital Learning, along with traditional library services and supports for students and faculty. Recently renovated, the library is a common campus destination with study areas for students, a coffee and snack shop, a faculty study lounge, and meeting spaces. Additionally, the [Division of Innovative and Learning-Centric Initiatives](#) supports the campus in the growth and development of online courses, teaching and learning support, and academic and non-credit programs. The [Office of Engagement](#) further supports the campus by advancing engaged teaching, research, and service through community partnerships and collaborative initiatives.

Student achievement and well-being is supported by both academic and cocurricular supports intended to provide holistic support for students both in and outside of the classroom. Academic support and tutoring are available through four teaching-learning centers: Writing Center, Speech Center, Math and Science Learning Center, and the Computer Science Tutoring Lab. Cocurricular supports are provided through the [Division of Student Life and Wellbeing](#), which helps students connect, get help, and take care through offices such as Counseling and Psychological Services, Accessibility Services Center, the Maverick Food Pantry, the Durango Advancement and Support Hub, and Student Legal Services.



Innovative, Engaged Research, and Creative Activity

UNO is known for innovative and engaged research. The University is home to the [National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center of Excellence](#) (NCITE), a national leader in counterterrorism research driven by an interdisciplinary team of faculty from Psychology, Political Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Interdisciplinary Informatics, and Management.

The [Division of Biomechanics](#) houses all research conducted by the Department of Biomechanics, the Center for Research in Human Movement Variability, and associated programs. The Division is an interdisciplinary enterprise that features a collaboration between scientists, engineers, surgeons, and clinicians to advance the understanding of health and disease.

The [Center for Public Affairs Research](#) (CPAR) advances applied, community-engaged research that informs public policy and strengthens communities. Through partnerships with government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and community stakeholders, CPAR provides data-driven analysis, program evaluation, and technical assistance to address complex social, economic, and public health challenges across the region.

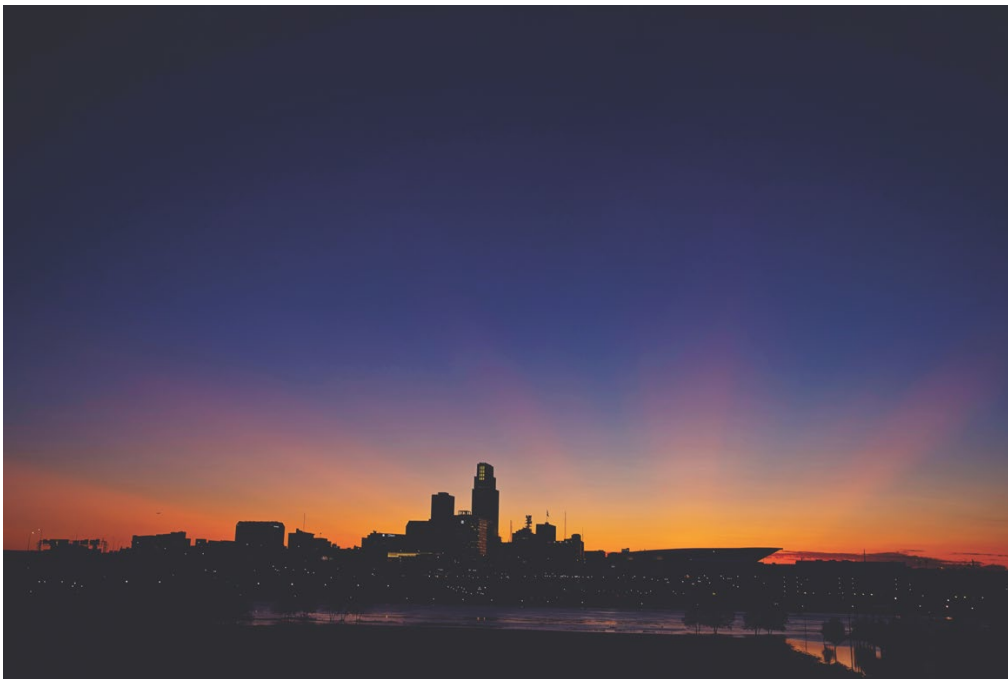
NCITE and biomechanics boast internationally renowned state-of-the-art facilities that enable groundbreaking research with both scholarly and practical applications that significantly impact people's lives. Research programs in biomechanics and through NCITE have contributed to the enormous growth in sponsored research funding at UNO, which has reached \$35 million, more than doubling in the last few years.

The Office of Research and Creative Activity (ORCA) provides campus-wide support through the Office of Sponsored Programs, Research Compliance, Internal Funding, and Research Development. ORCA distributes around \$500,000 in Tobacco Settlement Funds for biomedical research and facilitates UNO faculty access to the Nebraska Research Initiative funding initiatives which provide around \$4 million for projects each year across the NU system. External funding at UNO has grown from \$15.4 million in 2014 to \$40.8 million in 2025.



Facilities

UNO has added 832,000 total square feet of facilities and renovated more than half of its academic space in recent years. These projects also include a state-of-the-art 120,000 SF home for the College of Business Administration, a new building for the unique and nationally renowned Biomechanics program, new student housing, a 60,000 SF Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center that supports and expands university-community partnerships, as well as renovations to many other campus buildings. Capital improvements have also been prioritized through the [Only in Nebraska](#) campaign led by the University of Nebraska Foundation and include the renovation and expansion of STEM education facilities as well as human futures-focused space for the Samuel Bak Museum: The Learning Center. UNO has also added a new sports arena and a new baseball and softball complex. UNO now participates in NCAA Division 1 athletics in the Summit League and plays hockey in the National Collegiate Hockey Conference.



OMAHA: A CITY OF OPPORTUNITY

In the 2023 Best States ranking by US News & World Report, Nebraska proudly holds the #4 spot nationally. The state has garnered commendable positions in various categories: #5 in infrastructure, #7 in education, and #10 in the economy. Additionally, Nebraska ranks #16 for both housing affordability and cost of living among all 50 states. Notably, it leads the nation at #1 in labor force participation and stands at #16 for job growth and #11 in long-term fiscal stability.

As the 42nd largest city in the United States, Omaha has a population of nearly 1.1 million within a 50-mile radius and is integral to what UNO is as a university. [Livability](#) has consistently ranked Omaha, Nebraska as one of the top 100 places to live in the U.S., and it is now ranked the #2 best large U.S. city for recent college graduates by Glassdoor and Redfin, reflecting its strong job market, affordability, and quality of life.

Omaha resides on the past, present, and future treaty homelands of the Omaha [UmoNhoN] and Otoe-Missouria Tribal Nations, and in the region of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, and 170+ other tribes. The city truly functions as part of the UNO campus. With an economic impact on the city of more than \$605 million through direct, indirect, and charitable services, the relationship between UNO and Omaha offers unlimited opportunities for collaboration.

Located on the eastern border of Nebraska, near the Missouri River, the city of Omaha is a center of creativity, business, and philanthropy. The growing metropolitan population is the fastest-growing region in the state, according to the most recent US census data, led by growing numbers within the Latinx community. UNO and Omaha enjoy a dynamic, fruitful, long-term partnership with a shared goal:

changing the lives of students and residents while enriching the global community. The Omaha Chamber of Commerce has made diversity, equity, access, and inclusion a priority in its work, and created the [Commitment to Opportunity, Diversity, and Equity](#) (CODE). UNO leaders have served as advisors for CODE and the Office of Academic Affairs and UNO faculty have partnered with CODE to complete an equity and inclusion survey of Omaha area employers.

While it is a thriving metropolitan center, [Omaha](#) is quintessentially Midwestern. Residents enjoy the benefit of four seasons and find outdoor activities plentiful year-round. Visitors are welcomed with open arms and authentic Midwestern hospitality.

Internships, Jobs, and Opportunities

Students find internships, careers, and other opportunities in the heart of Nebraska's largest city. Omaha is home to four Fortune 500 companies including Berkshire Hathaway, Mutual of Omaha, Peter Kiewit, and Union Pacific, as well as five Fortune 1000 companies: TD Ameritrade, West Corporation, Valmont Industries, Green Plains Renewable Energy, and Werner Enterprises. Companies, visionary nonprofits, award-winning arts and culture, and innovative start-ups flourish and attract a range of world-class talent from entrepreneurs to artists.

Culture, Entertainment, and Sporting Events

In recent years, the Omaha riverfront and downtown area have experienced tremendous growth with over two billion dollars in new development. Residents and visitors can take in a concert at the [CHI Health Center Omaha](#) or the world-famous [Holland Performing Arts Center](#), catch an art house film at the internationally recognized [Film Streams](#), visit the nationally known [Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium](#), stroll the more than 100 acres at the [Lauritzen Gardens](#), or shop and dine to your heart's content in the [Old Market](#), [Midtown Crossing](#), or [Aksarben Village](#). Take a walk from Nebraska to Iowa – and back again – on the [Bob Kerrey Bridge](#). This landmark offers a memorable view of Omaha's skyline and is a prominent feature of our newly reinvigorated waterfront.

Signature events hosted in Omaha span a wide array of interests, including the NCAA College World Series (CWS), NCAA Basketball Tournament, U.S. Senior Golf Open, U.S. Olympic Swim Trials, U.S. Olympic Curling Trials, U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Big Omaha, Berkshire Hathaway Annual Meetings, and a score of cultural events, such as national movie premieres, concerts, and plays.

Omaha residents enjoy a wide culinary array of dining experiences that range from innovative chef-created cuisine, vegan dining, seafood, sidewalk cafes, a downtown arts and dining district called the Old Market, local breweries and roasters, and global favorites such as Mexican, Italian, French, German, Greek, Indian, and Asian. And, yes, even a few steakhouses.

For more information about living in Omaha, visit the [Omaha Chamber](#)

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

Chancellor

The University is led by Chancellor Joanne Li, Ph.D., CFA, who assumed her duties as UNO's sixteenth Chancellor in July 2021. Li previously served as dean of the College of Business at Florida International University, the nation's fourth-largest public university. She is the first woman of color to serve as UNO Chancellor and the first Asian American in the history of the University of Nebraska system to hold an executive leadership role. A first-generation college student who went on to graduate summa cum laude, Li is deeply committed to students and the mission of public higher education with a demonstrated record in improving student outcomes, growing enrollment and programs, enhancing diversity and inclusion, fundraising, and building community partnerships. Learn more about Joanne Li and the [Chancellor's Office](#).

Senior Vice Chancellor

Ni (Phil) He, Ph.D., is Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and serves as UNO's chief academic officer. As Senior Vice Chancellor, Dr. He provides leadership for UNO's six colleges and library and guides academic initiatives within UNO's strategic plan. Dr. He also has oversight of scholarship and research initiatives, global partnerships and engagement efforts, and UNO's commitment to excellence across undergraduate, graduate, professional, and online programs. Dr. He is an alumnus of UNO, and prior to returning to UNO in January 2023, he served in a variety of academic leadership roles at Northeastern University in Boston including Vice Provost of Faculty Diversity, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education, and Associate Dean for the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Learn more about [Phil He](#).

APPLICATION AND NOMINATION PROCESS

Applications

To apply for the University Librarian and Chief Knowledge Office, submit the following required application materials by Friday, July 31, through the UNO Employment website:

<https://unomaha.peopleadmin.com/postings/25278>

- » Letter of interest that addresses the areas of responsibility listed under Role of the University Librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer and includes information on the applicant's relevant experience and expertise and that conveys the applicant's understanding and support of UNO's engaged metropolitan mission and the library's focal areas.
- » Current CV that includes names and contact information for five (5) professional references; calls will only occur later in the search process and with prior notification to the candidate.

Nominations and Additional Information

For additional information or a confidential discussion about the University Librarian and Chief Knowledge Officer position, please contact Dr. Jason Browning, Search Committee Chair and Vice Chancellor for Institutional Effectiveness and Student Success, at jasonbrowning@unomaha.edu.

Nominations can be submitted through the [nomination survey](#).

All inquiries will be kept confidential. Information and updates on the search are also available on the [position search page](#) on the Criss Library website.

EEO Statement

The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, and/or political affiliation in its programs, activities, or employment. UNO is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor and an E-Verify employer.