The School of Information Science and Learning Technologies (SISLT) – the iSchool at the University of Missouri-- seeks to recruit an energetic, highly motivated scholar who will contribute to the research, teaching, and administrative missions of the school in the MLIS, PhD, and certificate programs. We seek a candidate whose work complements current faculty research strengths in library and information sciences, and learning technologies. The ideal candidate will bring a high potential for grant funding in the areas of Human Information Behavior – specifically as it applies to professions such as journalism, medicine, nursing and engineering; Usability of Information Systems and Services, User Experience, and/or interdisciplinary information behaviors.

The successful candidate for this position will contribute to the department by:

- Seeking and obtaining external funding through community and interdisciplinary engagement particularly in applying information behavior research to professional domains (e.g. journalism, medicine, nursing).
- Engaging students and clients in usability and user experience research in the context of our Information Experience Laboratory (ielab.missouri.edu)
- Successful teaching in online required and elective classes in a highly-ranked, ALA-Accredited MLIS program, the User Experience Certificate, and in face-to-face PhD program
- Maintaining a vibrant and collaborative research agenda to strengthen our position as a member of the iCaucus and as a member of the American Association of Universities.
- Seeking leadership roles in the School, College, University, and in relevant professional societies and organizations
- Contributing to continuous improvement and accreditation efforts

Minimum Qualifications:

- Earned doctorate in information science or a closely related field at the time of appointment.
- Demonstrated ability or potential for seeking external funding.
- Applicants should have a record of research productivity and publication(s) in top-tier, peer-reviewed journals, and demonstrated success of teaching.
Preferred Qualifications:

- Ability to teach both foundational and a variety of elective courses in a curriculum aligned with American Library Association (ALA) accreditation Standards.
- High caliber teaching in an online format
- Research and / or teaching background in learning technologies and / or learning sciences.
- Professional experience in libraries or other information organizations.
- Senior level applicants should provide evidence of leadership in research, instruction, and service.

About the School of Information Science & Learning Technologies:
SISLT is one of five academic units within the College of Education. SISLT (sislt.missouri.edu) offers the Masters of Library and Information Science, Master of Science and Education Specialist degrees in Educational Technology, a Ph.D. degree in Information Science and Learning Technologies as well as several post-graduate certificates. SISLT faculty maintain active research programs across a spectrum of areas: librarianship and archives, scholarly publishing, digital humanities, metadata, information organization, digital libraries, information needs and uses, human-centered computing and user experience, learning analytics, designing games for learning, immersive technologies, and STEM education.

The mission of SISLT is to improve the professional practice of information specialists and learning technologists; advance research on information, learning, and performance; disseminate knowledge, products, and services to improve the quality of life for all; and advance the economic well-being of Missouri and the Nation. As a member of the iSchool consortium (http://ischools.org), SISLT faculty share the common fundamental interest in investigating and disseminating knowledge about the relationship between information, people, and technology. Our move to an online format has increased the geographic and racial diversity of our student body, which brings exciting new opportunities for teaching and research, in addition to our research relationships with other academic units within the University of Missouri.

SISLT offers research space and support through the Allen Institute (http://alleninstitute.missouri.edu), a physical space that for SISLT faculty, staff, and students to engage in research and development activities. The Information Experience Lab (IE Lab) is a usability laboratory in the Allen Institute that conducts research and evaluates technology. The IE Lab provides space and advanced technological equipment for usability testing and information behavior research of websites and software for on-campus, statewide, and global clients.
About the College: The College of Education is ranked among the top doctoral granting colleges of education in the country. Today, the College has a student population of approximately 1000 undergraduates and 1,600 graduate students, and over 100 faculty. The College is financially well positioned to invest in innovation. Annual expenditures for externally funded projects are approximately $20 million with funded projects in research, instruction and public service. Our research portfolio has increased significantly in recent years, and is poised for continued significant strategic growth. The College is a leader on the campus and is nationally recognized for its distance and online education programs.

About MU and the Surrounding Community: MU is the oldest state university west of the Mississippi River and the largest of the four institutions in the University of Missouri System. In 1867, MU became the first public university in the nation to open a college specific to teacher preparation. Cultural diversity is an important goal supported by the Department, College, and MU. More information is available on the web at: education.missouri.edu

MU is located in Columbia, a metropolitan community of approximately 130,000 that has been rated by Money Magazine, Men’s Journal and MSN.COM as one of the best places to live in the U.S. MU has a student body of over 30,000, and is designated as a Carnegie Research University with very high research activity. MU is one of only six universities in the U.S. that is both the flagship and land grant institution housing medicine, veterinary medicine, and law on the same campus. As an AAU member institution since 1908, MU is recognized as one of the top research and educational institutions in the nation.

This position provides an opportunity to work at a world-class research university in a beautiful and diverse setting that offers a high quality of life. There are numerous opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts and Columbia has been recognized as a bike-friendly community. Both Kansas City and St. Louis are within a 90-minute drive offering the shopping and cultural opportunities of major metropolitan areas. Columbia has a very high-quality public school system and provides many opportunities for art, culture, and music enthusiasts.

Salary: Competitive and commensurate with experiences and qualifications.

Appointment: Tenure-track, 9-month appointment beginning September 1, 2019

Closing Date: Review of applications will begin December 8, 2018, and continue until the position is filled.
To Apply: Apply on-line at http://hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job/academic/index.php. (Job ID 28424) Upload (a) a letter of application in which you describe the position you are applying for and in detail your qualifications for the position, (b) research statement, (c) 2 sample scholarly artifacts, (d) evidence of experiences in seeking or generating external funding, (e) evidence of teaching effectiveness (course syllabi, student evaluations, chair/advisor/peer reviews) and (f) a diversity statement (professional skills, experience and/or willingness to engage in activities that would enhance campus diversity and equity efforts), (g) names and contact information for three references in the Attachments section of the application. Your CV must be uploaded in the Resume/CV and Cover Letter section. Please direct any questions to Dr. Jenny Bossaller (bossallerj@missouri.edu), Chair of the Search Committee, 303 Townsend Hall, Columbia MO 65211.

The University of Missouri is an Equal Opportunity/Access/Affirmative Action/Pro Disabled & Veteran Employer: Women, minorities and disabled individuals are strongly encouraged to apply. To request ADA accommodations, please contact the Dean’s Office at 573-882-8524. The University of Missouri is fully committed to achieving the goal of a diverse and inclusive academic community of faculty, staff and students. We seek individuals who are committed to this goal and our core campus values of respect, responsibility, discovery and excellence.