Director of Research Data Alliance/US (RDA/US) Community Development

The Research Data Alliance (RDA) is an international organization created to accelerate research data sharing and data-driven innovation world-wide. The Research Data Alliance/United States (RDA/US) represents all U.S. participants in the Research Data Alliance. The RDA/US community is part of the larger international RDA community as well as a "regional" community that has its own initiatives and funded efforts related to the RDA mission.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is seeking candidates to fill the opening for Director of RDA/US Community Development. The Director reports to Professor Francine Berman, Chair of RDA/US and an international leader in the digital data community.

The Director of RDA/US Community Development is responsible for coordination, expansion, and funding development for the RDA/US community. The Director is expected to work closely with RDA/US members to develop initiatives relevant to their participation in RDA, as well as to support an expanded, engaged and cohesive RDA/US community. In addition, the Director will serve as part of the international RDA Secretariat under the guidance of Secretary General Mark Parsons.

Candidates for the position should have knowledge of research data infrastructure and its issues and challenges as well as some experience with the U.S. federal and non-profit funding landscape. We are seeking an enterprising and team-oriented individual with excellent communication and community outreach skills and a service orientation. The Director is expected to work broadly with the RDA/US community and to be able to partner with its members and their organizations to create a coordinated portfolio of successfully funded RDA/US programs.

Candidates must have, at minimum, a Bachelor's degree in a data science or related area, a minimum of two (2) years of experience working in a data science related community with interdisciplinary collaboration between domain scientists from different disciplines and/or stake holders from different sectors (government, academic, business, non-profit, etc.). Demonstrated success in writing business plans and proposals for funding from government agencies and industrial partners is needed, as is experience working in a global context. A relevant graduate degree may be substituted for some or all of the experience. All candidates must have an understanding of cross-sector partnerships, and the ability to get results from a wide variety of constituencies, including, but not limited to principal investigators, national and international business leaders, administrative staff, and government agencies.

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The successful candidate will be employed by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at its Troy, NY campus. Exceptional remote candidates will be considered but the preference is for candidates who can be in residence at RPI. This is a full-time, fixed-term, externally funded position and comes with eligibility to participate in our health and retirement benefits programs. To be considered for this opening, please visit https://rpijobs.rpi.edu/postings/3175, and complete an on-line job application. The on-line application process includes attaching a Cover Letter, Resume/CV and contact information for three (3) or more references.

We welcome candidates who will bring diverse intellectual, geographical, gender and ethnic perspectives to Rensselaer's work and campus communities.
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