

Hello,

My name is Keith Araneo-Yowell, and I'm writing today to express my interest in applying for the Research Data Librarian position at the Marriott Library. Currently, I am a project manager for a software company. This opening appeals to me as I have been searching for a new role that would combine my background and expertise in research data and allow me to return to academia. I was so excited to see that an academic librarian position exists that is data-centered and would also let me to teach data management and support science collaboration.

Having conducted various statistical analyses using multiple software packages, I have worked with data at all stages of its lifecycle. Indeed, the experience I've gained preparing data for research analysis ultimately led me to seek more knowledge about the earlier stages of the data lifecycle. The project I currently manage is a web application that creates digital records in the biotech startup space. As much of the data generated in the biotech commercialization process is subject to FDA scrutiny, the data, and methods I use need to follow strict parameters of higher-level data compliance. As such, I would bring a commitment to data integrity that aligns with the Marriott Library's goal of advancing knowledge through research.

Throughout my career, I have demonstrated an aptitude for making data accessible to wider audiences. By creating informative data exploration tools or helping people understand the underlying principles and methods used to analyze data, I find a great sense of satisfaction in sharing my passion with an interested audience.

I have the necessary skills and expertise to thrive in this role. Firstly, I bring experience in academia and libraries that will serve as a firm foundation for excellence. At Salt Lake Community College, I worked as a research analyst focusing on SLCC's STEM program, as a statistics tutor at the library, and finally as a statistics instructor for the college's math department. I will be able to step into this role with some familiarity with library operations

Secondly, I will bring to this role an understanding of statistics and data analysis, as well as key principles in data management throughout the data lifecycle.

Thirdly, I love to learn and gain new knowledge. I am excited about the opportunity to become even more knowledgeable about research data management and would welcome the opportunity for future professional growth.

Finally, what I miss most about academia are the opportunities to play a role in advancing knowledge. Whether through education or outreach, interacting with the people who take significant time out of their day for the cause of education is highly rewarding for me. I believe I have the motivation and enthusiasm to excel in this role, as this would be a new direction in my career that I find exciting and worthwhile.

On a more personal note, the University of Utah holds a special place in my heart as it is both my alma mater and where my mother had a faculty position for over 15 years. I would love the opportunity to become a faculty member of this wonderful institution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Keith Araneo-Yowell, MSTAT