



Job Opening: Director

SPARC Europe is a foundation, supported by member organisations, that works to advance Open Science / Scholarship in Europe.

SPARC Europe works to make Open the default in scholarly communication.

SPARC Europe has a successful track record in driving Open Scholarship forward by influencing Open Access policies in Europe. It works with European institutions such as the European Commission, individual research institutions and universities, library and university associations, and other organisations with allied Open agendas.

SPARC Europe initiates, facilitates and supports the implementation of the long-term objective of opening access to European research for all.

SPARC Europe is seeking a Director, preferably working full time, to lead the work in this area.

If you have an interest in playing a critical role in Open Scholarship in Europe – achieving more in the areas of Open Access, Open Data, Open Educational Resources, Open Peer Review and Research Evaluation and Research Integrity in Europe – then this position could be for you.

The new SPARC Europe Director will

- actively participate in policy opinion and development in Europe on national and international levels,
- initiate advocacy activities to help drive more openness to academic output,
- facilitate more collaborative work on Open Science / Scholarship together with other key players in Europe,
- encourage the adoption of new norms and practices to make Open the default for scholarly communication.

The SPARC Europe Director we are looking for has

- a degree from a university or equivalent,
- +5 years of experience in the scholarly communication field,
- knowledge and understanding of Europe's Open Science / Scholarship challenges,
- a proven record of achievement collaborating with key players in the Open Scholarship field, including research funders, academic libraries, consortia, and international organisations ideally in:
 - policy development and implementation on a national and/or international level
 - advocacy activities in the academic community
- a tactical and enthusiastic approach,
- solid leadership skills,
- good change management skills,
- excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- fluency in English (written and spoken). Working knowledge of an additional European language would be an advantage, and
- solid budget management skills.

The new SPARC Europe Director will be

- an influencer
- a tactician
- a networker and connector, and
- results-oriented.

The initial appointment will be for one year with the possibility of extension of a further 2 years. This will also be dependent on funding.

The SPARC Europe Director reports directly to the Board of SPARC Europe and can be located in any European country.

Some flexible working hours connected with travel, conferences and meetings will be expected.

Apply with your CV and cover letter by email to sparceurope@arl.org

All applications will be confidential.

Please also include a 1-2 page opinion piece on what you think needs to be done in a European co-ordinated effort to make Open the default for scholarly communication.

For further information, contact SPARC Europe: sparceurope@arl.org with your question/s.

Closing date: 1 May 2016