



Communications Job Function

Photographer II

Grade 54

Summary

Performs a variety of complex photographic techniques to produce color and/or black and white photographs of varied, special character subject material for records, presentations, or publications, and organizes the activities of assignments of a photographic laboratory.

Typical Duties

1. Operates and maintains a wide range of camera equipment regularly employing the use of diverse techniques and specialized photographic expertise such as photomicrography, macrophotography, medical photography, etc., to photograph difficult material such as very large/small objects, deteriorating material, remote or unusually placed objects, light sensitive material, shining surfaces, etc.
2. Plans the composition of the photograph, analyzing the subject material and selecting the angle, lighting, and background to enhance desired or to eliminate unwanted features to produce the most aesthetically effective and informative photograph.
3. Modifies standard or develops new laboratory techniques and procedures to meet general and/or unusual end-result requirements such as reducing/enlarging to specified scale for precise mathematical computations, attaining color balance, vignette, montage, etc.
4. Provides technical assistance and advice on photographic equipment and techniques to faculty, researchers, administrators, students, and non-University personnel.
5. Organizes and schedules photographic laboratory activities assignments.
6. Assists with planning functions such as laboratory space requirements and recommends major photographic equipment purchases.
7. May oversee the work of other support staff.
8. May operate a motion picture camera and assist in cinematography projects.
9. Performs related job duties as required.

Typical Requirements

Education: Technical courses in photography beyond high school preferred.

Skills and Experience: Five or more years of experience as a photographer with considerable knowledge of all photographic principles, including a thorough knowledge of one or more forms of specialized photography and color film processing.

Note: This is a model job description reflecting a sample of typical duties. It is intended to suggest a general level of skill and complexity and as such is not a substitute for the local, specific descriptions for individual jobs.

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