Leadership in Learning
The Academic Support Librarians are active in delivering on the University’s strategic objective of Leadership in Learning and achieve this by:

- Designing and delivering bespoke subject-specific information literacy skills sessions to Schools which are aligned to course learning outcomes.
- Supporting students in becoming independent, creative and critical thinkers by delivering a generic programme of information literacy skills sessions in partnership with the Learning, Teaching and Web Directorate’s Digital Skills and Training team and with the Institute for Academic Development.
- Enabling students to become effective and efficient learners who make use of the full range of the Library’s services.
- Supporting students with literature searching by giving one to one advice sessions.
- Providing support to online distance learning students as well as campus-based students.
- Engaging with course design and delivery through participation in learning and teaching meetings at School and College level
- Advising on related matters such as technology enhanced learning and other emerging services.

Leadership in Research
The Academic Support Librarians are active in delivering on the University’s strategic objective of Leadership in Research and achieve this by:

- Providing specialist information literacy skills sessions for research students and staff, both within Schools and in partnership with the Institute for Academic Development.
- Supporting staff and students in managing their research literature using bibliographic management software.
- Promoting the full range of the Library’s print and digital resources to ensure that research students and staff can fully benefit from the Library’s infrastructure for research.
- Consulting and engaging with research students and staff on new print and digital resources in their subject area, and exploring options for their purchase.
- Giving advice on sources of information and on library services to help students and staff with their research.
- Acting as advocates for library related research issues for Colleges or Schools.
- Advising on related matters such as open access publishing and research data management.
Library Collections

The Academic Support Librarians work in consultation with Colleges and Schools and collaboratively with Information Services’ colleagues by:

- Acting as advocates for the Library’s collections in support of the teaching, learning and research needs of the Colleges and Schools.
- Reviewing and managing subscriptions to digital collections to ensure that provision is in line with current teaching and research and represents best value for the University.
- Ensuring that the Library’s print collections are current, relevant and make best use of the available space.
- Ensuring that course collection resources are available when and where students need them and in the required format.
- Managing offers of donations to the Library’s collections.
- Engaging with staff and students on the digitisation of the Library’s collections.

Library Services

The Academic Support Librarians work in consultation with Colleges and Schools and collaboratively with Information Services’ colleagues by:

- Contacting and meeting new University staff to help them become aware of, and benefit from, the full range of the Library’s services.
- Ensuring timely and targeted communication and consultation about the Library’s services to Colleges and Schools.
- Listening to, learning from and communicating feedback given by Colleges and Schools in order to shape future development of new library services.
- Fostering student engagement with library services to enhance the student experience.
- Participating in projects and groups to ensure the effective development of new library services.
- Reviewing student satisfaction surveys and taking a lead on outcomes.

Library and study spaces

The Academic Support Librarians work in consultation with Estates, Colleges and Schools and collaboratively with Information Services’ colleagues by:

- Participating in all Estates projects involving library and study spaces, whether new builds or refurbishments.
- Improving the student experience of library and study spaces by reviewing the use of these spaces and by responding to feedback.
- Providing an effective “welcome” experience for new students and prospective students to library and study spaces through open days, tours, exhibitions and other special events.

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