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# 2025 Associates Program

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# 2025 Associates Program: Description and Application Guidelines

# **Program Objectives and Selection Criteria**

The mission of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs is to strengthen international ties among libraries and librarians worldwide for the promotion of international education, understanding, and peace. To this end we have designed the Mortenson Center Associates Program to provide librarians and information specialists from outside the United States with knowledge and skills to become leaders and/or trainers of their colleagues upon their return to their home institutions. More specifically, the Mortenson Center Associates Program offers individuals working in a library and/or information services setting outside the United States an opportunity to explore critical issues and trends in the library field and engage with librarians implementing cutting-edge programs and services. Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Current employment and experience in a library, information center, or related organization.
- Commitment to furthering the Mortenson Center's goal within the applicant's own country.
- Willingness and ability to share what is learned while at the Mortenson Center with others in the participant's home country.
- <u>Participants should be fluent in conversational English and possess a reading knowledge of English.</u> <u>This program is delivered in English.</u>
- Career aspirations, effective communication and potential impact on users and the wider LIS field.
- Funding to attend the program.
- Letter of Recommendation (from supervisor/director/dean)

Acceptance into the program also depends on whether the applicant meets the selection criteria, geographic and institutional representation, and the availability of space in the program.

### Funding for Program Participation

Applicants must secure adequate funding to support their participation in the Associates Program in order to be accepted into the program. Applicants must provide official confirmation of all funding sources. An estimated budget is provided on the Mortenson Center website: <u>www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson</u>. After acceptance into the program, a **\$200 non-refundable deposit** is required to secure participation in the program.

### **Application Instructions**

Applications must be complete, received within stated deadlines, include all required attachments, and contain official confirmation of funding. Applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

- All materials must be submitted in English, typed responses are required.
- The Mortenson Center reserves the right to verify all information given in the application.
- Participants must be prepared to work as team members with other Mortenson Center program participants and to participate as required by the program.
- Associates will not be permitted to join the program late or depart early.

#### **Application Deadline**

All materials must be submitted to the Mortenson Center by **9 December 2024**. Selection decisions are final. Applicants will be notified regarding selection by **13 January 2025**.

# 2025 Associates Program: Application

Please TYPE your responses on this form AND send with the following documents (PDF format):

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of Recommendation from Supervisor or library director/dean
- Image of Passport ID page

# **Personal Information** (\*IMPORTANT\* Name must exactly match your passport)

Surname:				
Given Name(s):				
Place of Birth:				
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Date of Birth:				
	Day	Month	Year	
Gender:	Male	Female Othe	r	
Marital Status:	Single Ma	arried Widowed	Divorced	Separated
Citizenship:				
	Country		Country of Permanent Resi	dence
Valid Passport:	Yes No	Number	Expiration Date	
How did you learn	of our program?			
Visa Information	1			
Do you have a curr	rent US Visa? Yes	No If 'Yes',	what type?	
lf 'No', do you agre	ee to apply for a B1/B2	travel visa or waiver?	Yes No	
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# **Contact Information**

Home Address:				
	Street Address			
City		Postal Code	Country	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:		
Preferred Email A	ddress for Communication:			

# **Professional Information**

Position/Title:			
Institution:			
Institution URL:			
Office Address:			
	City	Postal Code	Country
	Office Telephone:		
	Office Email:		

# Source of Funding

Describe the funding you have available to support your study in this program. Be specific about the amount (in U.S. dollars) and the source of the funding.



# **Recommendation Letter**

Please provide the name of your supervisor/Library director or dean who will be providing a recommendation letter on your behalf.

Name:	Title and Institution:		
Relationship to You:			



# **Professional Development**

1. Why do you want to attend the Associates Program?

2. What are your learning goals for this program?

3. Whether you are a leader or an aspiring one, how do you hope this library leadership and innovation program will enable you to make an impact?

4. Do you plan to share your experience and/or knowledge from the Associates Program? If so. how and with whom?



5. How will the Associates program advance your professional and/or career goals?

6. [ ] I have the English language fluency (read, write and speak) to participate in a professional development program presented in English. (PLEASE MARK IF UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED)

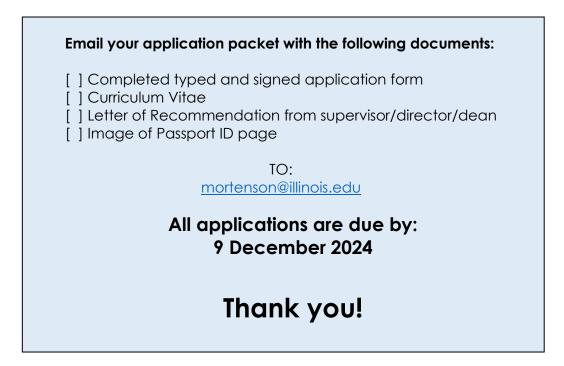


# **Certification Agreement**

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If selected as a Mortenson Center Associate, I agree to abide by the stipulations of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs.

Signature

Date





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