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Summer 2016 Associates Program

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Mortenson Center for International Library Programs

Associates Program Description and Application Guidelines

Funding for Program Participation

Applicants must secure adequate funding to support a stay at the Mortenson Center 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 (<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/mortenson>). Acceptance into the program also depends on whether the applicant meets the selection criteria, and the availability of space in the program. Upon acceptance, the applicant must submit a \$500 non-refundable deposit in order to hold their place in the program.

Program Objectives and Selection Criteria

The goal of the C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortenson Center for International Library Programs is to strengthen international ties among libraries and librarians worldwide. To this end we develop programming designed to provide librarians and information specialists with the skills necessary to become trainers of their colleagues upon their return to their home institutions. To attain this goal, Associates will be selected based on the following criteria:

- ❖ Current employment in a library, information center, or archive.
- ❖ Commitment to furthering the Mortenson Center's goal within participant's own country.
- ❖ Willingness and ability to share what is learned while at the Mortenson Center with others in participant's home country.
- ❖ **Participants should be fluent in conversational English and possess a reading knowledge of English. This program is delivered in English.**
- ❖ Excellent communication skills.
- ❖ Demonstrated commitment of participant's home institution to supporting sharing activity (training seminars, workshops, etc.).

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.
- ❖ 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 December 1, 2015. Selection decisions are final. Applicants will be notified regarding selection in late January.

Send complete applications to:

Electronically: lawheatl@illinois.edu

By Mail:

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ASSOCIATES PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please send your application form along with the supplemental materials listed below in order to apply for the 2016 Associates Program:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Letter of Recommendation from Supervisor
3. PDF image of Passport ID page
4. Proof of English language proficiency

PERSONAL INFORMATION - NAME MUST EXACTLY MATCH YOUR PASSPORT!

Surname:

First (Given) Name:

Place of Birth:

City

Country

Date of Birth:

Day

Month

Year

Gender:

☐

Male

☐

Female

Marital Status:

☐

Single

☐

Married

☐

Widowed

☐

Divorced

Citizenship:

Country

Permanent Resident

Valid Passport:

☐

Yes

☐

No

Number

Expiration Date

Do you have a current US Visa?

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Yes

☐

No

If 'Yes', what type?

If 'No', do you wish to apply for a J-1 Short-Term Scholar Visa?

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Yes

☐

No

Home Address:

Street Address

City

Postal Code

Country

Home Phone: **Cell Phone:**

Home Email Address:

PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Position/Title:

Institution:

Institution URL:

Office Address:

City

Postal Code

Country

Office Telephone:

Office Fax:

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.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Please provide the name of your supervisor who will be providing a letter of support on your behalf.

Name:

Title and Institution:

Relationship to You:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 1. *What do you hope to learn from the program? Include 2-3 main areas of interest.***

- 2. *How will your home institution benefit from your experience as a Mortenson Associate?***

- 3. *Please describe how this program will advance your career goals.***

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

If the official language of your country is English, please indicate below. If not, please include relevant documentation with your application materials.

- ☐ *I am a native speaker of English*
- ☐ *I received a degree from an institution where English is the medium of instruction
(Please provide copy of diploma or confirmation of enrollment.)*
- ☐ *I took an English language test (i.e. TOEFL, IELTS)
(Please provide copy of score report.)*
- ☐ *I attended an English language school
(Please provide a letter from the school or copy of completion certificate.)*
- ☐ *None of the above. I need to schedule a Skype or phone interview with the
Mortenson Center to assess my English proficiency.*

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 Associate, I agree to abide by the stipulations of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs.

Signature

Date

I agree to return to my home country upon the expiration of my authorized stay in the United States.

Signature

Date

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS TO:

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