

MORTENSON ASSOCIATES PROGRAM



**Accepting
Applications!**

Libraries in Focus: Leadership, Transformation, Impact

**A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
FOR LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE (LIS) PROFESSIONALS**

May 31 – June 23, 2027

Libraries in Focus: Leadership, Transformation, Impact – A Professional Development and Leadership Program for Library and Information Science (LIS) Professionals will engage participants in developing their leadership skills and learning about novel and inventive practices and services in areas such as:

- Transformational Leadership and Change
- User-centered Services
- AI and Emerging Technologies
- Strategic Planning and Innovation
- Measuring and Communicating the Impact of Libraries
- Open Learning and Research
- Sustainable Digital and Print Collections and Repositories
- International Professional Networking

**MORTENSON
CENTER** for International
Library Programs

Applications are due 20 November 2026.

For more information and to apply, please visit the Mortenson Center website: library.illinois.edu/mortenson/associates

PARTICIPATE IN A UNIQUE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM!

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The 2027 Mortenson Center Associates Program will offer professionals 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.



EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES



FIELD VISITS



SMARTER STRATEGIES

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Seminars and Workshops introduce and explore current trends in the field. Library experts will be invited to share their perspectives, offer expertise, and foster conversations on the themes of leadership and impact to build data-driven, user-centric, and transformative libraries.

Tours of a variety of libraries, including academic, public, and special libraries. We may also visit the American Library Association headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, and other sites of interest.

Networking with a dynamic group of international colleagues during and post-program.

Participants will develop **individual action plans**, appropriate to their professional and institutional needs, and will receive post-program implementation review.

Each participant will receive a **Certificate of Program Participation** upon completion.

Scheduling allows participants to attend the **Annual Meeting of the American Library Association (ALA)**, if they wish. The 2027 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition will be in New Orleans, June 25–28, 2027. Visit 2027.alaannual.org for more information. Arrangements and registration for the conference must be made separately and are not included in the program costs.

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us online to learn about the program and meet past Associates.

Online Information Session

Tuesday, 13 October 2026 at 7:00–8:00 a.m. Central Time (Chicago)

Register at:

<https://go.illinois.edu/AssociatesInfoSession>

To find your local time for this information session, visit worldtimebuddy.com



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

> Application must be submitted in English along with supporting documentation in order to be considered.

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> Applicants must secure adequate funding to support participation in the program.

> Program is delivered in English only, and participants should be fluent in conversational English and possess a reading knowledge of English.



2018 Mortenson Associates engaged in a group project

COST

The 2027 program cost covers program fees, housing, some meals, local transportation, and medical insurance. It does not cover expenses for visa application, airfare, and/or ground transportation to and from Champaign-Urbana. Please visit the website for the program cost.

READ ABOUT THE ASSOCIATE EXPERIENCE AT:

associates.web.illinois.edu