



## **MORTENSON CENTER**

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*developing librarians worldwide*

# **Summer 2019 Associates Program**

## ***Smarter, Strategic and Sustainable Libraries:***

*A Professional Development Program for Library  
Leaders and Innovators*

**May 22-June 18, 2019**



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## 2019 Associates Program: Description and Application Guidelines

### 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 have designed the Mortenson Associates Program to provide librarians and information specialists with the skills necessary to become leaders and 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.).

### 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: [www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson](http://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson). Acceptance into the program also depends on whether the applicant meets the selection criteria and the availability of space in the program. 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.
- 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 **15 December 2018**. Selection decisions are final. Applicants will be notified regarding selection in early to mid-January.

**Send completed application and materials to:**

Electronically:

[mortenson@illinois.edu](mailto:mortenson@illinois.edu)

By Mail:

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## 2019 Associates Program: Application

Please send your application form along with the supplemental materials listed below in order to apply for the 2019 Associates Program:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Letter of Recommendation from Supervisor
3. PDF image of Passport ID page

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

**Surname:**

**Given Name(s):**

**Place of Birth:**    
 City Country

**Date of Birth:**     
 Day Month Year

**Gender:**  Male  Female  Other

**Marital Status:**  Single  Married  Widowed  Divorced  Separated

**Citizenship:**    
 Country Country of Permanent Residence

**Valid Passport:**  Yes  No    
 Number Expiration Date

**How did you learn of our program?**

**Contact Information**

**Home Address:**

Street Address

City

Postal Code

Country

**Home Phone:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Preferred Email Address 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 who will be providing a letter of reference 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 or others benefit from your experience as a Mortenson Associate?*

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

**Visa Information**

Do you have a current US Visa?  Yes  No

If 'Yes', what type?

If 'No', do you agree to apply for a B1/B2 travel visa or waiver?  Yes  No

I understand that this program is delivered in English. I affirm that I am fluent in conversational English and possess a reading knowledge of that language.

**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

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**Thank you!**