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developing librarians worldwide

2021 Associates Program

Smart and Smarter: Leadership and Innovation in Libraries

May 26-June 22, 2021

2021 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 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 and experience in a library, information center, or related organization.
- 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.**
- Career aspirations and effective communication.
- Applicant supervisor's recommendation and support for sharing activity (e.g., talk, workshop, 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. 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. 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 preferred.
- 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 2020**. Selection decisions are final. Applicants will be notified regarding selection in January.

2021 Associates Program: Application

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

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Letter of Recommendation from Supervisor
3. 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?

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.**

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 recommendation letter 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 Center Associate?**

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

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

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

Signature

Date

Email your application packet with the following documents:

Completed typed and signed application form
Curriculum Vitae
Letter of Recommendation from Supervisor
Image of Passport ID page

TO:

mortenson@illinois.edu

**All applications are due by:
15 December 2020**

Thank you!