2021 Mortenson Center Associates Program (26 May-22 June)
Smart and Smarter: Leadership and Innovation in Libraries
A Professional Development Program for Library Leaders and Innovators
What

• A unique, individualized certificate (non-degree) program with an annual theme.
• Offers an opportunity for librarians and information specialists to learn first-hand the workings of U.S. libraries
• Current program starts at the end of May and ends right before the American Library Association meeting (3.5 weeks)
• Leaning as a cohort of international library and information innovative leaders

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4Fl4SogDK8
Learn about novel and inventive practices and services, such as:

- Innovation by Design
- Leadership, Communication and Managing Change
- Smarter Strategies
- Emerging Technologies
- Digital and Print Collections and Repositories
- Marketing and Advocacy
- International Professional Networking
Where: Champaign-Urbana
About the Mortenson Vision

The Mortenson Center for International Library Programs

Established by two generous gifts from C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortenson

Mission:
To strengthen international ties among libraries and librarians worldwide for the promotion of international education, understanding, and peace.

Since 1991 more than 1,300 library leaders from over 90 countries have been trained by this center – the only one of its kind in the world.
Associates’ Home Countries
The Associates Program
– a culture of learning –
The Associates Program: Field visits

2007 Associates at the headquarters of ALA in Chicago and OCLC in Dublin, Ohio
The Associates Program: Knowledge Sharing

2008 Associates ready to present at the Illinois Library Association conference

2017 Associates after presentations on UN SDGs
Fun and social gatherings

2018 Associates at Altrusa dinner
Application Process, cost and logistics
Applications

APPLICATIONS DUE: 15 December 2020

REQUIRED COMPONENTS:
✓ Completed and signed application – digital or hand-written signature accepted
✓ Curriculum Vitae
✓ Letter of recommendation from supervisor
✓ Image of Passport ID page

NOTIFICATIONS: 12 January 2021
PAYMENTS & EXPENSES

• Total program fee is $4,000 USD - Includes:
  – Accommodations
  – Transportation for field visits
  – Programming costs
  – Speaker fees
  – Medical Insurance
  – Other materials and logistics

• Out-of-Pocket Expenses:
  – Roundtrip travel expenses to Champaign, IL
  – $1,000 for meals and personal expenses during visit
  – ALA Annual Conference in Chicago (June 24-29, 2021)
PAYMENTS (cont’d.)

• Deposit Due: 15 February 2021
  – $200 non-refundable fee
  – Placeholder fee
  – Rolls over to next year

• Remaining Balance Due: 2 April 2021
  – Remaining balance due after deposit is $3,800
  – Early preparation of funds recommended

• Payment Methods: [https://www.flywire.com/pay/Mortenson](https://www.flywire.com/pay/Mortenson) (transaction fees are paid by applicant)
  1. Wire transfer
  2. Credit card payment
Funding

- The Mortenson Center does not currently offer financial assistance to attending Associates.
- Funding opportunities vary by country, region, and year.
- Associates are supported by their institutions or self-funded.
- Depending on year, institutions partner with the Mortenson Center to support professionals in their community.
- Infrequently, applicants may seek institutional funding after acceptance in the program.
Accommodations & Assistance

• Accommodations
  – On-campus housing
  – Shared suite with common areas
  – Room pairings – based on gender and carefully selected by Mortenson programming staff
  – easy access to local shops, restaurants, libraries and other campus buildings by walking or bus

• Assistance
  – Contact Katie Ebeling, Office Support Specialist at Ebeling@Illinois.edu for questions regarding application, payment and travel
## Dates, Deadlines & Fees

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Past Associates - Personal Experiences -

• Seham Alostatth (2019), Head of Technical Processing, Libraries Administration. Ministry of Education (Kuwait)

• Kishor Satpathy (2014), Chief Librarian, Indian Statistical Institute (India)

• Ahmad Ali Shah (2019), University Librarian, University of Central Asia Libraries (Kyrgyzstan)

• Yolanda Tugwell (2017), Librarian II, Information Literacy Unit, Mona Library, University of the West Indies (Jamaica)
Questions?
Thank you!

More information on our website:
https://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson/associates/