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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



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- 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)
- Learning 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:



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- 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



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# About the Mortenson Vision



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## 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



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Lectures and workshops  
2018 Associates

# The Associates Program – a culture of learning –

Self-guided learning  
2019 Associates



Group work

2018 Associates

Library Tours



# The Associates Program: Field visits



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2007 Associates at the headquarters of ALA in Chicago and  
OCLC in Dublin, Ohio



# The Associates Program: Knowledge Sharing



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2008 Associates ready to present at the Illinois Library Association conference



2017 Associates after presentations on UN SDGs



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# Fun and social gatherings



2018 Associates at Altrusa dinner



<https://www.library.illinois.edu/mortenson/associates/>



# Application Process, cost and logistics



# Applications



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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



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- 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.)



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- 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> (transaction fees are paid by applicant)
  1. Wire transfer
  2. Credit card payment



# Funding



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- 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



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- 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](mailto:Ebeling@Illinois.edu) for questions regarding application, payment and travel

# Dates, Deadlines & Fees Chart



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# Past Associates

## - Personal Experiences -



- **Seham Alostath (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)



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# Questions?





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