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2024 Associates Program Scholarship *Transforming Libraries: New Roles and Impact* June 3 - 26, 2024

Mortenson Center Associates Program Funding: Description and Application Guidelines

Funding for Program Participation

The Mortenson Center for International Library Programs is delighted to offer professional development funding to support 3 individuals who would otherwise be unable to participate in the Associates' Program due to financial constraints. The three grants (**\$3,800 each**) cover the **\$4,000** program fee minus the deposit (**\$200**). The grant recipient will be responsible for paying all other associated costs (e.g., airfare, visa fees, meals and other personal costs). Applications for funding are welcomed from library and information science (LIS) professionals who are residents of under-represented countries and/or from low- and middle-income countries and/or members of historically underrepresented and marginalized communities from countries outside of the United States.

To determine your eligibility, please review the specific requirements outlined below and complete the form. All sections of the application form should be completed and submitted to mortenson@illinois.edu by the deadline of 8th December 2023.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Admission to the 2024 Mortenson Center Associates Program
2. Demonstrated financial need.
3. Ability to pay all other associated costs (airfare, visa fees, meals and other personal costs)
4. Commitment to learning, applying and sharing their new knowledge and skills to enhance their institutions, the LIS field, and/or professional practice.
5. Demonstrated and/or potential leadership and innovation in their workplace and/or the LIS field in their local context.
6. Professional readiness, work ethic and promise based on 2 reference letters (one from supervisor with Program application, and a second one for the grant application).

Application Materials

1. Confirmation of a completed 2024 Mortenson Center Associates Program application
2. Confirmation of ability to pay all other associated costs with attending the Associates Program (e.g., airfare, visa fees, meals and other personal costs)
3. Letter of reference speaking to the applicant's professional readiness, work ethic and promise, and the relevance of the Associate Program to their career development.
4. Statement of purpose (max. 500 words) addressing criteria 2 and 5 above.

Application Deadline

All materials must be submitted to the Mortenson Center by **8 December 2023**. Selection decisions are final. Selected scholarship recipients will be notified regarding selection by **11 January 2024**

2024 Associates Program: Scholarship Application

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

- Scholarship application form
- Additional Letter of Recommendation
- Statement of Purpose

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

Surname:

Given Name(s):

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 email address:

Recommendation Letter

Please provide the name of a professional reference who will be providing a recommendation letter on your behalf.

Name:

Title and Institution:

Relationship to You:

Statement of Purpose

The statement of purpose (max. 500 words) should address criteria 2 (why applicant is seeking the grant), and 5 (applicant’s demonstrated and/or potential leadership and innovation in their workplace and/or the LIS field in their local context).

[Empty text box for the Statement of Purpose]

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 Scholarship recipient, I agree to abide by the stipulations of the grant, including securing any additional funding required.

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 Scholarship application form.
- Statement of Purpose
- Additional letter of Recommendation

TO:

mortenson@illinois.edu

**All applications are due by:
8 December 2023**

Thank you!