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## 2025 Associates Program Scholarship *Libraries Unbound: Open, Inclusive and Engaged* June 2 - 25, 2025

### Mortenson Center Associates Program Scholarship: 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 scholarships **cover the \$4,000** program fee. The grant recipient will be responsible for paying all other associated costs (e.g., airfare, visa fees, meals and other personal costs). Scholarship applications are welcomed from library and information science (LIS) professionals who are residents of under-represented countries of Associates participation, 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](mailto:mortenson@illinois.edu) by the deadline of 9th December 2024.

#### Eligibility Criteria

1. Admission to the 2025 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 which has been submitted with the Program application, and **a second one for the grant application from a different recommender (supervisor/dean/director/professional mentor)**).

#### Application Materials

1. Confirmation of a completed 2025 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 Associates 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 **9 December 2024**. Selection decisions are final. Selected scholarship recipients will be notified regarding selection by **13 January 2025**.

# 2025 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 (demonstrated need and why seeking scholarship), and 5 (applicant’s demonstrated and/or potential leadership and innovation in their workplace and/or the LIS field in their local context).***

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## 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 scholarship, including securing any additional funding required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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](mailto:mortenson@illinois.edu)

**All applications are due by:  
9 December 2024**

**Thank you!**