

Graduate, Post-Graduate and Doctoral Program Descriptions

Association of Research Libraries Diversity Scholars

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce offers leadership development over two years to MLS students from underrepresented groups who are interested in careers in research libraries. The initiative is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and by voluntary contributions from 52 ARL member libraries. This funding reflects a commitment to create a diverse research library community that will better meet the new challenges of global competition and changing demographics.

Presenter: Marcellaus Joiner

Carolina Academic Library Associates

In the Fall Semester of 2000, the University Library introduced the Carolina Academic Library Associates (CALA) program for graduate students in the School of Information and Library Science preparing for careers in academic librarianship. This program is a paid, practice based supplement to academic coursework and the goal is to provide an enhanced graduate experience that introduces students to key issues in academic librarianship and to the culture of the profession. This program assists in preparing students for their first job, provides intensive mentoring by senior librarians, and gives them opportunities for professional training and development during their graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Presenter: Eric Forster

Duke Interns

Duke University Libraries hosts several different programs for individuals pursuing an MLS or an interest in Special Collections. Annually, Duke hires two reference interns who work at the Perkins Reference desk, two instruction interns who work out of the Lilly Library on East Campus, two interns Rare Books, Special Collections Library (including the University Archives and Sallie Bingham Center) and one in Data Services each year. Another program works in partnership between the Libraries and the Graduate School in which PhD candidates in their 4th to 6th year are awarded internships in the RBMSCL. These include a Reference Intern, American Studies Intern, J. Walter Thompson Company Intern in Advertising History, and Intern for the John Hope Franklin Research Center for African and African-American Documentation.

Presenter: Rita Johnston

North Carolina Central University School of Library and Information Science Diversity Scholars

The NCCU SLIS Diversity Scholars program is a two-year training program funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The program focuses on library services to ethnically diverse communities and on the library as place. Graduates of the program will be expected to return to public or school library settings in North Carolina and apply their research findings and experiences to improve our level of understanding of diversity, improve efficiency and effectiveness of libraries, expand knowledge in the area of diversity and libraries, and contribute to American librarianship.

Presenter: Keisha Poole

North Carolina State University Libraries Fellows

The NCSU Libraries Fellows Program, now in its tenth year, offers new MLS and MIS graduates opportunities for rapid professional growth. Fellows are appointed for a term of two years, with a half-time assignment in a home department and a half-time assignment to a project of strategic, library-wide significance. A travel stipend allows Fellows to explore avenues for external professional development and training. The program is designed to recruit a more diverse group of new librarians and to develop leading librarians in science, engineering, digital libraries, and in library management and administration. Including those in attendance, there have been 45 Fellows in this program, 90 % have gone on to careers in academic libraries or to faculty positions in our field. Fellows have made it possible for the Libraries to advance many of its strategic initiatives, including implementation of Endecca and development of an electronic resource management system (E-Matrix) to name only a few.

Presenter: Joseph Ryan

North Carolina State University Library Associates Program

In 2004, The Library Associates program was established in 2004 after the ARL Special Collections Task Force identified a need for more opportunities for LIS students to prepare for work in research library archives and special collections. The program offers a half-time appointment in the Special Collections Research Center to graduate students in library and information science or public history. Library Associates are given practical assignments in the Special Collections Research Center and an introduction to key issues in academic librarianship and the culture of the profession. This program helps prepare students for their first professional position and provides opportunities for mentoring from experienced librarians. Library Associates help us to expose hidden collections for better archival control and researcher access.

Presenter: Danica Cullinan

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