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*developing librarians worldwide*

# Global Connections

A management development program for national  
and regional library professionals

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# Mortenson Center for International Library Programs

## Funding for Program Participation

Applicants must secure adequate funding to support a stay at the Mortenson Center in order to be accepted into the program. Applicants must provide official confirmation of all funding sources. An estimated budget is provided on the Mortenson Center website (<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/mortenson>). Acceptance into the program also depends on whether the applicant meets the selection criteria, and the availability of space in the program. Upon acceptance, the applicant must submit a \$500 non-refundable deposit in order to hold their place in the program.

## Program Objectives and Selection Criteria

The goal of the C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortenson Center for International Library Programs is to strengthen international ties among libraries and librarians worldwide. To this end we develop programming designed to provide librarians and information specialists with the skills necessary to become trainers of their colleagues upon their return to their home institutions. To attain this goal, program participants will be selected based on the following criteria:

- ❖ Current employment in a library, information center, or archive.
- ❖ Commitment to furthering the Mortenson Center's goal within participant's own country.
- ❖ Willingness and ability to share what is learned while at the Mortenson Center with others in participant's home country.
- ❖ **Participants should be fluent in conversational English and possess a reading knowledge of English. This program is delivered in English.**
- ❖ Excellent communication skills.
- ❖ Demonstrated commitment of participant's home institution to supporting sharing activity (training seminars, workshops, etc.).

## Application Instructions

Applications must be complete, received within stated deadlines, include all required attachments, and contain official confirmation of funding. Applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

- ❖ All materials must be submitted in English.
- ❖ The Mortenson Center reserves the right to verify all information given in the application.
- ❖ Participants must be prepared to work as team members with other Mortenson Center program participants and to participate as required by the program.
- ❖ Participants will not be permitted to join the program late or depart early.

## **Application Deadline**

*All materials must be submitted to the Mortenson Center by March 15, 2016. Selection decisions are final. Applicants will be notified regarding selection in late April.*

**Send complete applications to:**

Electronically: [lawheatl@illinois.edu](mailto:lawheatl@illinois.edu)

By Mail:

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**GLOBAL CONNECTIONS PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Please send your application form along with the supplemental materials listed below in order to apply for the 2016 Program:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Letter of Recommendation from Supervisor
3. PDF image of Passport ID page
4. Proof of English language proficiency

**PERSONAL INFORMATION - NAME MUST EXACTLY MATCH YOUR PASSPORT!**

**Surname:**

**First (Given) Name:**

**Place of Birth:**

City

Country

**Date of Birth:**

Day

Month

Year

**Gender:**

Male

Female

**Marital Status:**

Single

Married

Widowed

Divorced

**Citizenship:**

Country

Permanent Resident

**Valid Passport:**

Yes

No

Number

Expiration Date

**Do you have a current US Visa?**

Yes

No

**If 'Yes', what type?**

**If 'No', do you wish to apply for a J-1 Short-Term Scholar Visa?**

Yes

No

**Home Address:**

Street Address

City

Postal Code

Country

**Home Phone:**  **Cell Phone:**

**Home Email Address:**

### PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

**Position/Title:**

**Institution:**

**Institution URL:**

**Office Address:**

City

Postal Code

Country

**Office Telephone:**

**Office Fax:**

**Office Email:**

### SOURCE OF FUNDING

*Describe the funding you have available to support your study in this program. Be specific about the amount (in U.S. dollars) and the source of the funding.*

### LETTER OF SUPPORT

*Please provide the name of your supervisor who will be providing a letter of support on your behalf.*

**Name:**

**Title and Institution:**

**Relationship to You:**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**1. What do you hope to learn from the program? Include 2-3 main areas of interest.**

**2. How will your home institution benefit from your experience at the Mortenson Center?**

**3. Please describe how this program will advance your career goals.**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

***If the official language of your country is English, please indicate below. If not, please include relevant documentation with your application materials.***

- I am a native speaker of English***
- I received a degree from an institution where English is the medium of instruction (Please provide copy of diploma or confirmation of enrollment.)***
- I took an English language test (i.e. TOEFL, IELTS) (Please provide copy of score report.)***
- I attended an English language school (Please provide a letter from the school or copy of completion certificate.)***
- None of the above. I need to schedule a Skype or phone interview with the Mortenson Center to assess my English proficiency.***

**CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT**

***I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If selected for the program, I agree to abide by the stipulations of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***I agree to return to my home country upon the expiration of my authorized stay in the United States.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS TO:**

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