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**Addressing the Information Needs of Nigerian Researchers, Scholars, and,  
Students:  
A Planning and Training Program for MacArthur Grantee University Libraries**

**Executive Summary**

The Mortenson Center for International Library Programs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is applying for a three-year grant. The Mortenson Center proposes to work with four MacArthur grantee university libraries in Nigeria. The institutions are Bayero University Library, Kano; Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria; University of Ibadan Library; Ibadan; and the University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt. The proposed budget for the project is \$302,901.

The project goal is *to provide users of university libraries with better access to research and information materials, either in print or electronically.*

The Mortenson Center will assist the university libraries in this goal by focusing on three priority areas: development of outreach services, the implementation and maintenance of a library management system, and management of electronic resources.

Seven activities are proposed:

- Development of a training and technical assistance plan
- Establishment of a training and technical assistance support system
- Training and technical assistance site visits
- Attendance at the 2006 World Library Information Congress
- Training program at the Mortenson Center for Nigerian librarians
- Shared training opportunities with Nigerian MacArthur and Carnegie grantee institutions
- Acquisitions of training resource manuals and materials

Predicted outcomes for the project are:

- Progress toward providing better access to research and information materials for users
- A written project plan with timelines, activities and staff responsibilities
- A final assessment of progress made by each institution
- More visible and defined outreach services to the user community
- Campus support for a strong research library