

MSLIS Apprenticeship Program 2022-2023

The Urbana Free Library, in coordination with The School of Information Sciences, is excited to announce the fifth year of a two semester Apprenticeship starting Fall 2022 (August). Apprentices will have the opportunity to work in a designated area of the library under the supervision of a librarian with focused tasks and projects for the first semester and will receive two credit hours of Practicum credit. Assuming performance is satisfactory, the Apprentice will return in Spring 2023 where work will continue with additional emphasis on learning and experiencing work in different areas of the library. During the second semester, Apprentices will be given a fellowship from the iSchool and will register for a four-credit hour Independent Study. Students will be unable to hold an assistantship in addition to this IS/fellowship during the Spring 2023 semester. For more details, read below.

For AY2022-2023 designated areas of work available will be in Archives and Adult & Youth Services.

The 2022-2023 Champaign County Historical Archives Apprenticeship will contribute to reference, special collections processing, and outreach services at The Urbana Free Library. The student will assist Archives Librarians and create processing plans, evaluate preservation needs, update database records, process small 20th century special collections, and create bibliographic catalog records. In addition, the apprentice will gain experience in other functional areas of the Archives, including reference and programming.

The 2022-2023 Adult & Youth Services Apprenticeship will contribute to reference, programming, and outreach services at The Urbana Free Library. The student will assist Adult & Youth Services staff in creating and delivering programs for children and adults, attending outreach events, providing reference service, creating bibliographies and other internal documents, and evaluating the Library's collection.

Application Process

1. Applicants must complete an [application form](#) which includes a space to upload a cover letter and current resume.
2. Applications are due March 20th.
3. Upon review TUFL will invite applicants for interviews online or in person.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the 2-credit hour Practicum and 4-credit hour Independent Study (IS) count towards the maximum number of credit hours of practicum and IS I can use towards my MS/LIS degree?

Yes. These will count towards that maximum. You will register for [practicum per the requirements](#) and [IS per the requirements](#) and be charged for these credit hours.

2. What comes with the fellowship?

As part of the UFL Apprenticeship program you will be awarded a Field Service Waiver for the Fall 2022 semester, and, pending successful completion of the first semester, a fellowship for the Spring 2023 semester. The waiver includes a full tuition waiver along with a full waiver of the following fees: the service fee, health service fee, AFMFA fee, the general fee, student initiated fee, transportation fee, and the Library / Technology fee. However, this waiver **does not cover any portion of the health insurance fee.** This fee will be the responsibility of the student.

In addition, this award may also affect any federal financial aid in the form of loans you have accepted. You are highly encouraged to contact the University of Illinois Financial Aid office <http://www.osfa.illinois.edu/> to understand how this award will individually affect them as well as to consult the Graduate College Handbook regarding other fellowship information, including possible taxation <https://grad.illinois.edu/sites/grad.illinois.edu/files/pdfs/handbook.pdf>.

3. How many hours a week am I required to work?

For Fall 2022, Apprentices will be required to 15/hours a week. These hours will be scheduled in conjunction with your supervisor. In Spring 2023, Apprentices will be required to work 15 hours/week. Again, these hours will be scheduled in conjunction with your supervisor.

4. How many Apprentices will be hired?

For the AY2022-2023 year, two apprentices will be hired.

5. Can I apply if I am only able to participate for one semester?

No. Students must be able to commit to the entire year to be eligible to apply.