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MLIS Financial Aid Opportunities

Links to the guidelines and application forms for the scholarships listed below are on the MLIS web site's page at <http://www.valdosta.edu/mlis/scholarships.shtml> under "Awards & Scholarships." Also consult VSU's main Financial Aid page at <http://www.valdosta.edu/financialaid/>.

Scholarships administered by the MLIS Program at Valdosta State University:

New! H. W. Wilson Scholarship

Applicants must complete at least 12 credits (at VSU) by close of current Spring semester.

GPA of a 3.8 or higher is required

Covers the cost of one course at the in-state rate.

Three scholarships awarded in the fall of each year.

Application deadline for 2009 awards: April 15

See *Guidelines* for complete details on eligibility and application rules.

New! MLIS Merit Scholarship

Applicants must complete at least 18 credits (at VSU) by close of current Spring semester.

At least 9 of the 18 credits must be in the MLIS program's core courses

GPA of a 3.5 or higher is required

No course grade lower than a 3.0

Covers the cost of one course at the in-state rate.

Number of scholarships depends upon availability of funds.

Application deadline for fall 2009 award: April 15

Application deadline for spring 2010 award: TBA if funding is available

See *Guidelines* for complete details on eligibility and application rules.

- Short-term Financial Assistance Grant
Applicants must complete at least 9 credits (at VSU) by close of current Spring semester.
Applicants must be residents of Georgia
GPA of at least 3.0 required
A letter explaining financial need required
Covers the cost of one course at the in-state rate.
One scholarship in spring and one scholarship in fall awarded.
Spring 2009 award can be used for summer or fall semester.
Application deadline: April 15
See *Guidelines* for complete details on eligibility and application rules.

Scholarships administered by the Georgia Library Association (GLA):

- Hubbard Scholarship (\$3,000 to one recipient each year)
- Beard Scholarship (\$1,000 to one recipient each year)

To apply for either GLA scholarship, you must:

- Be accepted into, or already enrolled in, an ALA- accredited library school
- Indicate an intention to complete degree requirements within three years
- Maintain a passing grade average throughout the program and submit grade reports
- Agree to work for one year following graduation from library school in a library-related capacity in Georgia, or agree to pay back a prorated amount of the award plus interest within a two-year period.

Application deadline: May 21

The online application is at: http://gla.georgialibraries.org/scholarship_application.pdf

Information about the scholarships is at: <http://gla.georgialibraries.org/scholarship.htm>

VSU Graduate Research and Scholarship Symposium

The Graduate School at Valdosta State University will host a symposium to highlight the 'best' student research/scholarship done by VSU graduate students. Each department may nominate up to eight students as candidates for presenting their research or scholarship at the symposium. If accepted, your research or scholarship must be formatted as a poster. Online students will be able to send posters for printing and attend via Live Classroom, if preferred. All current students and students who graduated in December 2008 are eligible for nomination. You may nominate your own work or contact an MLIS faculty member who you wish to act as your mentor and nominator. Dr. Fatih Oguz (foguz@valdosta.edu) is coordinating the nominations for MLIS students.

Due dates for submitting materials:

March 10 – All nominations must be received for review by the MLIS faculty

March 13- Nominations are due to the Graduate School for review

March 31- Abstracts from selected participants due to Graduate School

April 10- Participating students send posters to the Library to be printed and laminated

May 1 – Date of the Symposium, 4-6 pm

Georgia State University Academic Library Research Forum

The Faculty Research Committee of the Georgia State University (GSU) Library is accepting submissions for presentations and posters for the first GSU Academic Library Research Forum to be held on Friday, May 8, 2009. The Forum offers excellent opportunities for networking and sharing current research with fellow Georgia academic librarians.

Deadline for submissions: Wednesday, March 11, 2009.

Please contact the librarians on the GSU Faculty Research Committee below for additional details regarding the forum:

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Awards for Using Original Historical Records

The Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board (GHRAB) has twelve different award categories for individuals and organizations. Instructions and forms as well as a list of previous award winners are at www.GeorgiaArchives.org; select “2009 GHRAB Awards Program.” You may nominate your own work.

Nominations may be submitted from February 12, 2009, through June 1, 2009, deadline. Awards will be announced in August and presented in October 2009.

GHRAB established the Archives Awards Program in 2003 to recognize outstanding efforts in archives and records management work in Georgia. By publicly recognizing excellent achievements, the Board strives to inspire others. For further information, contact GHRAB at 678-364-3719.

International Open Repositories Conference

The 4th annual International Open Repositories Conference will be held May 18th – 21st, 2009, at the Georgia Institute of Technology Hotel and Conference Center and Global Learning Conference Center at Technology Square in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference will be hosted by the Georgia Tech Library and Information Center.

VSU MLIS students qualify for free registration if you volunteer to help at the conference. For more information, contact Dr. Fatih Oguz at foguz@valdosta.edu.

Georgia Health Sciences Library Association Annual Meeting

The theme for the annual meeting of the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association (GHSLA) is “Technology: Bridging the Information Gap.” All activities will take place at The Foundry in Athens, Georgia, March 12-14.

Early registration and evening buffet dinner: Thursday, March 12

Conference presentations, lunch, and evening dinner with entertainment: Friday, March 13

Continuing education workshops: Saturday, March 14

For further information, visit the GHSLA web site at: <http://www.ghsla.org/>

Atlanta Emerging Librarians Group Meeting

Join us for the Spring gathering of *Atlanta Emerging Librarians*. The program is “Instruction for the Faint-hearted *and* Brave: Expert Advice on Being a Library Teacher.” Two presenters will come from school library media specialist and academic library backgrounds, respectively. There is limited seating, so you will want to respond to the forthcoming EventBrite invitation asap. We will also keep a running waiting list.

EventBrite site: <http://atlantaemerginglibrarians.eventbrite.com/>

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2009 (3-5 pm)

Place: Ponce de Leon Branch of Atlanta-Fulton Public Libraries

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