

University of North Texas College of Information Department of Library and Information Sciences

LEAP: LIBRARY EDUCATION FOR THE U. S.-AFFILIATED PACIFIC — Cohort Program

The Best of Both Worlds

Pursue your Master's of Library & Information
Sciences through the
UNT Web Institute & Online!
Wednesday to Friday, August 10 - 19, 2011

The University of North Texas - Department of Library and Information Sciences (UNT/DLIS) is bringing its ALA accredited Master's degree program and popular online format to the U. S. - Affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPI) through the LEAP Cohort Program beginning Fall 2011.

You can earn your Master's degree by attending a nine day Web Institute at the College of Micronesia-FSM national campus in Pohnpei and complete the rest of your degree online! The Web Institute portion of the Master's program includes an orientation, technology training, and instruction in the Master's program core courses, as well as time to socialize with your Institute colleagues and faculty.

Students will begin study together for the Master's in the Fall of 2011. This group will form social bonds during the intensive Institute study that will continue and expand throughout the online portion of the program using a variety of communication tools. The University of North Texas is committed to this cohort approach as it provides the foundation for a vibrant learning community.

- UNT/DLIS will admit students to begin study for the Master's degree in August 2011
- Admissions, advising, and graduation through UNT/DLIS and the School of Graduate Studies
- Approximate cost of the 36 hour program is \$600 per semester credit hour taking 6 hours per semester for a total of \$20,000



Scholarship Program

UNT/DLIS is collaborating with Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) to form a partnership to offer full tuition scholarship opportunities for Pacific Islanders living and working in the USAPI. The full tuition scholarships will serve to recruit and educate librarians to work in the USAPI and to increase the numbers of indigenous librarians among the region's professional library staffs. The scholarships are funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Citizenship and residency within the USAPI region is required for eligibility for the UNT LEAP/DLIS scholarship.

- Applications will be accepted beginning fall 2010
- 23 students will receive a \$20,000 full scholarship covering tuition and fees
- Each student will be matched with a UNT University Libraries professional librarian for academic support and mentoring
- Recipients will receive stipends to support travel and expenses, national and local professional association dues, a laptop computer and software, and funds to support home connectivity



UNT/DLIS Master's Degree Program

Core Courses

Nine hours of core courses are required to be completed by all students in the cohort. These courses are taught in the nine day web institute.

- Introduction to Information Professions
- Introduction to Information Organization
- Introduction to Information Access and Retrieval

Programs of Study

Programs of study serve as advising guides for students. Each student will work with a faculty adviser to create an individualized program reflecting the student's career goals.

- General Program of Study
- Digital Knowledge Management
- Special Libraries
- Information Organization
- Youth Librarianship
- Health Informatics
- Information Systems
- Law Librarian & Legal Informatics Specialists
- Distributed Learning Librarian

Schedule of Courses

Fall 2011

- SLIS 5000 Introduction to the Information Professions
- SLIS 5600 Introduction to Information Access and Retrieval Services

Spring 2012

- SLIS 5200 Introduction to Information Organization
- SLIS 5300 Management of Information Agencies

Summer 2012

- SLIS 5714 Website Development
- SLIS 5685 Information Resources & Services in Culturally Diverse Communities

Fall 2012 through Summer 2013

18 hours of electives delivered via the web by UNT or from approved local programs (up to nine semester hours) to total 36 semester credit hours.



Online Elective Courses

- SLIS 5080 Research Methods
- SLIS 5205 Indexing, Abstracting & Retrieval
- SLIS 5206 Information Retrieval Design
- SLIS 5210 Organization & Control of Information Resources
- SLIS 5223 Metadata & Information Organization Retrieval
- SLIS 5305 Systems Analysis & Design
- SLIS 5306 Project Management for Information Professionals
- SLIS 5400 Information Resources Development
- SLIS 5410 Adult Materials & Reading Interests
- SLIS 5420 Literature for Youth
- SLIS 5440 Storytelling for Information Professionals
- SLIS 5615 Electronic Databases & Information Services
- SLIS 5680 Graphic Novels & Comics for Youth & Adults
- SLIS 5685 Information Resources & Services in Culturally Diverse Communities
- SLIS 5711 Internet Applications
- SLIS 5714 Website Development
- SLIS 5715 Digital Imaging for Information Professionals
- SLIS 5717 Dynamic WWW Control Structure
- SLIS 5740 Introduction to Digital Libraries
- SLIS 5960 Information Architecture

For more information regarding admission, the master's program, courses and the application process visit: <http://www.lis.unt.edu>
For application information see the Masters Admission Checklist under Prospective Students.
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A PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN
LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY EDUCATION IN THE
U.S.-AFFILIATED PACIFIC ISLANDS

The UNT/LEAP scholarship program will offer twenty-three scholarships and related support for Pacific Islander citizens living in American Samoa; the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI); the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) comprised of the states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap; Guam; the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI); and the Republic of Palau. Through funding from the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, students will receive full tuition scholarships to complete the University of North Texas master's program.

The UNT/LEAP scholarship recipients will receive:

- Full tuition scholarships including fees for 23 students admitted to the 2011 LEAP cohort of the UNT/DLIS master's degree program
- A UNT librarian matched to each student for academic support and professional mentoring
- Professional development workshops, library tours, and classes on information literacy and technology
- Travel and expense stipends to attend the Web Institute and other professional development and enrichment programs
- A laptop, software, and funds to support home connectivity costs during the two year program
- Professional association annual memberships to the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) and joint Hawaii Library Association / American Library Association memberships

Scholarship Application Deadline

The scholarship application and all supporting documents must be postmarked by **April 1, 2011**.

The UNT/DLEAP application form is available on the PREL website at <http://prel.org/> and the UNT/DLIS website at: <http://www.lis.unt.edu/>.

Information About Applying to the UNT/DLIS Master's Degree Program

To be eligible for consideration for the UNT/LEAP scholarship, applicants must apply and be admitted to the University of North Texas Toulouse School of Graduate Studies and the master's program in the UNT/DLIS. Submit all application materials by **April 1, 2011**.

For directions and more information about the application process go to the [Master's Admission Checklist](#) page on the UNT/DLIS homepage at <http://www.ci.unt.edu/main/ViewPage.php?cid=195>.

To be considered for admission the following materials must be submitted:

Step One:

- An application to the Toulouse School of Graduate Studies at <http://www.tsgs.unt.edu/admissions>
- Official transcripts of your complete scholastic record
- Official scores for the Miller's Analogy Test - an Alternative Test Sites will be available
- A \$60.00 application fee

Step Two:

- An application to the UNT/DLIS program
- Three letters of recommendation
- A personal statement of your purpose and goals
- A resume of both your academic and professional careers

For more information or questions about the master's degree program at UNT and the LEAP Scholarship program feel free to contact either:

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Today UNT is one of the largest universities in Texas, enrolling more than 36,000 students. With a history that began more than 80 years ago, the Department of Library and Information Sciences (DLIS) holds a prominent and venerable position at the University. The School's mission is to prepare graduates for significant roles and leadership positions in an era when decisions regarding the selection, organization, and retrieval of information are of critical importance to society. Since 1965, the American Library Association has continuously accredited the Master's Program.

UNT/DLIS is ranked as one of the Best Graduate Schools for Library and Information Studies Programs by the U. S. News and World Report. The Health Librarianship program is ranked third in the nation. Currently students can pursue the master's degree by attending classes on campus, taking web-based courses or a combination.

The UNT/DLIS has an enrollment of about 1,000 students and awards about 200 master's degrees annually.

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