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 Arkansas and Western Tennessee through the ELMS - Educating Librarians in the Middle South - Cohort beginning in January 2014. Earn your Master's degree by attending two weekend Web Institutes at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Library in Little Rock. The Institute includes an orientation, technology training, and instruction in the Master's program core courses, as well as time to network with your Institute colleagues and faculty. This group will form social bonds that will expand throughout the online program using a variety of communication tools. The UNT College of Information is committed to this cohort approach that provides the foundation for a vibrant learning community.

Facts About The LIS Program

- UNT/DLIS will admit students to begin study for the Master's degree during the Spring 2014 semester. Admissions, advising, and graduation through UNT College of Information and the Toulouse School of Graduate Studies
- Approximate cost of the two year 36 hour master's degree program is $450 per semester credit hour (based on a student registering for two classes or 6 hours per semester for a total of $16,200 for the complete program)
- Each student will receive individualized advising.
- Nine semester hours of coursework from other graduate programs may be transferred with approval of academic advisor

Scholarship Program

UNT/DLIS is collaborating with the UNT University Libraries and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Library to offer tuition scholarship opportunities for students living and working in Arkansas and Western Tennessee. Thirty students will receive $12,000 tuition scholarships. The scholarships are funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Applications for admission for the Cohort will be accepted beginning September 1, 2013. The UNT/ELMS scholarship program recipients will receive:

- $12,000 Tuition Scholarships including fees for 30 students admitted to the 2014 UNT/DLIS master's degree program—ELMS Cohort
- Students will complete a three course concentration in Health Information, Library Services in Diverse Settings, or Technology Integration and will earn a Graduate Academic Certificate in Digital Content Management
- Specialized training in digital curation and preservation including webinars and face to face workshops given by recognized leaders in the field
- Professional development workshops, library tours, and classes on information literacy and technology
- A UNT librarian matched to each student for academic support and professional mentorship
- State Chapter and American Library Association annual membership dues
Core Courses

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

- Introduction to Information Professions
- Introduction to Information Organization
- Information Access and Knowledge Inquiry

Programs of Study

Programs of study serve as advising guides for students. Each student works 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

Spring 2014
SLIS 5000 Introduction to the Information Professions
SLIS 5600 Introduction to Information Access and Retrieval Services

Summer 2014
SLIS 5200 Introduction to Information Organization
SLIS 5300 Management of Information Agencies

Fall 2014
SLIS 5714 Website Development
SLIS 5960 Digital Curation

Spring 2015 through Fall 2015
18 hours of electives delivered via the web by UNT following ELMS Program Curriculum and consultation with Academic Advisor,

For more information regarding the ELMS Scholarship program, 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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Information About Applying to the UNT/DUS Master’s Degree Program

To be eligible for consideration for the UNT/ELMS 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/DUS. Submit all application materials by November 1, 2013.

The Master's Admission Process on the UNT/LIS homepage at: http://lis.unt.edu/admissions-process will give you step by step instructions on the application process. Information on the master’s program and application process are located at http://lis.unt.edu/admissions-and-advising. 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 Graduate Record Examination or the Miller’s Analogy Test
- A $60.00 application fee

**Step Two:**
- An application to the UNT/DUS 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 answers to questions about the master’s degree program at UNT and the ELMS Scholarship program feel free to contact:

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The UNT/ELMS Scholarship Program will offer thirty $12,000 scholarships and related support to educate librarians living in Arkansas and Western Tennessee. Through funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services - Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program students will receive tuition scholarships to complete the UNT/DUS master’s program. The goal of this program is to educate a cohort of librarians to work in this region with 21st century skills in digital curation and librarianship, data management, medical information, management of electronic resources, and other emerging technologies. Students will be recruited to become members of an active cohort. The two Institutes will be held at the UNT/DUS partner institution, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Library in Little Rock, for learning and socializing. The Institutes for the core courses and other workshops will be held in January and June 2014. UNT professors and the project team will join these students for these intensive learning sessions, which will enable the professors, teaching assistants, and students to meet, interact, and establish connections to one another prior to taking the web-based distance learning portions of the coursework. The remainder of the coursework will be completed through fully online or blended classes.

**Scholarship Requirements**

Applicants for the ELMS scholarship must be residents of Arkansas or Western Tennessee. The scholarships will also focus on recruiting students from underrepresented populations in librarianship and from residents of rural areas in Arkansas or Tennessee. Applicants for the scholarship must also be admitted to the UNT Toulouse School of Graduate Studies and the Department of Library and Information Sciences.

**Scholarship Application Deadline**

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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