The Best of Both Worlds

Pursue your Master’s of Library & Information Sciences through the
UNT/LEAP Web Institute & Online!
May 2016

The University of North Texas - Department of Library and Information Sciences (UNT/DLIS) in partnership with Brigham Young University - Hawaii (BYU-HI) is bringing its ALA accredited Master’s degree cohort program and online format to the U. S. - Affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPI) with a second LEAP Program.

Students will begin study together for the Master’s degree in May 2016. The Institute portion of the Master’s program will be held on the BYU - Hawaii campus in Laie includes an orientation, technology training, instruction in the core courses, and time to socialize with Institute colleagues and faculty.

- Admissions, advising, and graduation through UNT/DLIS and the School of Graduate Studies.
- Cost of the 36 hour program is $20,000 including tuition and fees.

Scholarship Program

UNT/DLIS will offer full tuition scholarship opportunities for Pacific Islanders living and working in the USAPI in 2016. The LEAP-II Cohort Program will educate librarians and information stewards with skills in curation and preservation of digital projects and collections. This program will increase the number of indigenous librarians among the region’s professional library staffs. The twelve scholarships are funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

- 12 students will receive a $20,000 full scholarship covering tuition and fees.
- Applications will be accepted beginning Fall 2015.
- Citizenship or residency within the USAPI region is required for eligibility for the UNT LEAP/DLIS scholarship.
- Each LEAP-II scholarship recipient will be matched with a LEAP-I graduate who will provide academic support and mentoring as they matriculate through the master’s degree program.
- Recipients will receive stipends to support travel expenses, national and local professional association dues, a laptop computer and software, and funds to support home connectivity.
UNT/D LIS 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 introduced at the Institute.

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

Programs of Study
Programs of study serve as advising guides for students who can major in Information Science or Library Science. Each student works with a faculty adviser to create an individualized program reflecting the students career goals. Programs of study are listed on the website at http://lis.unt.edu/

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

Schedule of Courses
Summer 2016
INFO 5000 Information and Knowledge Professions
INFO 5600 Information Access and Knowledge Inquiry

Fall 2016
INFO5200 Introduction to Information Organization
INFO 5814 Website Development

Spring 2017
INFO5740 Introduction to Digital Libraries
INFO 5745 Information Architecture

Summer 2017 through Spring 2018
18 hours of electives in digital curation, preservation, and information science delivered via the web by UNT to total 36 semester credit hours, in consultation with the LEAP-II Academic Advisor.

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 Admissions and Advising under the Academics tab.
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Online Elective Courses
INFO 5205 Indexing, Abstracting & Retrieval
INFO 5206 Information Retrieval Design
INFO 5210 Organization & Control of Information Resources
INFO 5223 Metadata & Information Organization Retrieval
INFO 5295 Preservation
INFO 5305 Systems Analysis & Design
INFO 5306 Project Management for Information Professionals
INFO 5400 Information Resources Development
INFO 5410 Adult Materials & Reading Interests
INFO 5420 Literature for Youth
INFO 5440 Storytelling for Information
INFO 5515 Electronic Databases & Information Services
INFO 5615 Electronic Databases & Information Services
INFO 5680 Graphic Novels & Comics for Youth & Adults
INFO 5707 Data Modeling for Information Professionals
INFO 5711 Internet Applications
INFO 5712 Horizon Technologies for Library & Information Centers
INFO 5714 Web Content Development & Maintenance
INFO 5715 Digital Imaging for Information Professionals
INFO 5841 Digital Curation & Data Management Fundamentals
INFO 5842 Tools, Applications, and
The UNT/DLIS LEAP-II scholarship program will offer twelve 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 and partnering with the Brigham Young University—Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library, students will receive full tuition scholarships to complete the UNT/DLIS master's degree program.

The UNT/LEAP scholarship recipients will receive:
- Full tuition scholarships including fees for 12 students admitted to the 2016 LEAP-II cohort of the UNT/DLIS master's degree program.
- A mentor librarian matched to each student for academic support and professional mentoring
- Professional development workshops, library tours, and classes on information literacy and technology.
- Travel expense stipends to attend the Institute and other professional development and enrichment programs.
- Hands on workshops and instruction in digital technology, curation, and preservation at the BYU—Hawaii Library.
- A laptop, software, and funds to support home connectivity during the two year program.
- Professional association annual memberships to the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIAL) and the joint Hawaii Library Association / American Library Association student memberships.

Scholarship Application Deadline
- The scholarship application and all supporting documents must be postmarked by January 30, 2016. The UNT/DLIS LEAP-II program information is available on the LEAP-II website at: http://lis.unt.edu/apps/leap on the UNT/DLIS website.
- The LEAP-II application is at https://lis.unt.edu/leap-scholarship-application

Information About Applying to the UNT/DLIS Master's Degree Program
To be eligible for consideration for the UNT/DLIS LEAP-II scholarship, you 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 January 30, 2016.

For directions and more information about the admissions and applications process go to the Admissions and Advising page — https://lis.unt.edu/admissions-and-advising on the UNT/DLIS homepage.

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

Step One:
- An application to the Toulouse School of Graduate Studies at http://tsgs.unt.edu/future-students/graduate-admissions.
- Official transcripts of your complete scholastic record.
- If your overall Bachelor’s GPA is below 2.8 or if your overall Master's GPA is below 3.4, then you must submit an official score from entrance examination.
- A $75.00 application fee.

Step Two:
- An application to the UNT/DLIS program—https://lis.unt.edu/application-admission.
- Two 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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