Attention school and public youth services librarians!

- Are you ready to take your professional practice to the next level?
- Would you like to enroll in advanced courses in a top-rated LIS program?
- Are you eager to share what you learn with other library professionals?

If you answered “yes,” then Sharing Success might be the right program for you!

The Graduate School of Library & Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is offering **eight full-tuition scholarships** for current school and public youth services librarians, or librarians interested in moving into youth services, to earn a Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS).

Courses for this 40-credit hour post-master’s degree program are available to students enrolling either **on campus or at a distance** via our LEEP program, allowing students to continue employment while enrolled at GSLIS. The CAS is **flexible**, allowing students to shape their own curricula with guidance from a faculty member. Students may enter the Sharing Success program in Spring, Summer, or Fall 2010 (see verso for application deadlines).

**Applicants to the Sharing Success CAS program should**
- Possess a master’s degree in library and information science or a closely related field;
- Work (or desire to work) as a youth services librarian; and
- Want to make a positive difference in the library profession by sharing your expertise with other practitioners.

**GSLIS is**
- The top-ranked graduate LIS program and top-ranked youth services specialization according to U.S. News & World Report;
- Renowned for its LEEP online learning program, one of the earliest and most successful distance education programs in LIS; and
- Home to the Center for Children’s Books, an outstanding collection of current and classic literature for youth and one of three research centers at GSLIS.

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Sharing Success Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS)  
Admission Requirements

Additional information is available on the GSLIS website at  
http://www.lis.illinois.edu/programs/cas-ss.html.

The Sharing Success Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) is a program for outstanding and diverse librarians to further their education in youth services librarianship and professional leadership. The Sharing Success program provides institutional support for GSLIS coursework toward the CAS degree, professional conference travel, and the development of continuing education workshops for other library professionals. Through these activities, Sharing Success will help broaden the base of youth services librarians who can provide quality continuing education for their practitioner peers in school and public libraries and contribute to best practices and research in this field.

The Sharing Success CAS Program is a 40-credit hour degree program open to professionals who hold a master’s degree in library and information science or a closely related field. GSLIS courses may be taken either on campus or online via LEEP (the GSLIS distance education program). Students complete 32 credit hours of coursework with the remaining 8 credit hours devoted to a research project that relates to youth services and a continuing education workshop based on this research. They will present their research-in-progress or their completed workshops first to an audience of GSLIS students and faculty, in order to receive appropriate feedback on the strength of their information and presentation skills.

In addition to their coursework, students in the Sharing Success CAS program will complete a research project related to youth services and develop a continuing education workshop based on this research. They will present their research-in-progress or completed workshops to an audience of GSLIS students and faculty as well as to their target audience of youth services practitioners. During each of the two years that students receive full tuition funding, Sharing Success students will also receive funding to support travel to professional conferences.

Applicants must fulfill these minimum requirements:

1. A master’s degree in library and information science or a closely related field, such as educational technology.
2. Professional experience as a public or school youth services librarian OR professional experience as an LIS professional and a strong desire to become a youth services librarian.
3. A grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in master’s-level coursework and in the last two years of undergraduate coursework.
4. Satisfactory letters of reference from three individuals (employers, colleagues, instructors, etc.) who can speak to the applicant's professional work, potential for leadership, academic ability, and other qualities they think would contribute to the applicant’s success in the Sharing Success CAS program.
5. Satisfactory personal statement indicating a commitment to youth services librarianship, reasons for seeking the Sharing Success professional leadership CAS and a (general or specific) description of applicant’s proposed program of study and ideas for a continuing education final project.

Submitting Admission Materials:

For admission procedures, see http://www.lis.illinois.edu/programs/cas-ss.html

Application Deadlines:

- Spring 2010: November 15, 2009
- Summer 2010: March 15, 2010
- Fall 2010: June 15, 2010

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