Carolina Digital Curation Fellowships

*Preserving our digital future.* Increasingly, the world’s knowledge is being captured in digital formats. Management across the life cycle of these digital assets stands as one of the grand challenges of the early 21st Century. Preservation of access to these materials requires information and library science professionals with a blend of technology, organizational, and cultural skills and knowledge.

To meet this growing need, the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is announcing the Carolina Digital Curation Fellowships. This program will support graduate students interested in research and work in data and digital curation. Funded through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the CDCFs will combine coursework with an internship/research assignment in a UNC-Chapel Hill academic library, archive, or data center, leading to a master’s degree in Information Science or Library Science or a Ph.D.

The program’s goal is to produce high-quality information and library professionals prepared to work in the 21st century environment of trustworthy digital and data repositories. It offers successful applicants the unique opportunity to interact and collaborate with key international leaders in digital preservation from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Italy, Australia, and New Zealand.

**What the fellowship offers**

- A work assignment in a data or digital repository
- A stipend of $13,500 per year for two years
- In-state tuition and health coverage
- Mentorship by senior academic library, archives, and data center administrators

**Graduate Study at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science**

Ranked number one in the Nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, UNC-Chapel Hill’s School of Information and Library Science (SILS) consistently takes a leadership role in today’s ever-changing information and library science landscape. For seventy-five years SILS has educated individuals to work in the information and library science fields. Academic excellence has been a hallmark of the school since its establishment, with our graduates obtaining employment throughout the nation and the world. Visit our website (sils.unc.edu) to learn more about our graduate programs.
**Applying for the fellowship**

The deadline to apply for this program is March 15, 2007 but earlier applications are encouraged. In addition to following the school’s regular admission procedures, candidates must submit an essay (1,200 words maximum) describing their:

1. reasons for applying for the fellowship,
2. any related background or experience,
3. professional goals, and
4. views on the challenges faced by institutions related to digital curation.

**More information**

To learn more about the Digital Curation Curriculum (*DigCCurr*) project, please visit our website (ils.unc.edu/digccurr/).

For more information on these fellowship opportunities, visit the school website at sils.unc.edu or email Dr. Helen Tibbo [tibbo@ils.unc.edu] or Dr. Cal Lee [callee@email.unc.edu]. Interested applicants may also direct correspondence to: UNC Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science, Campus Box 3360 Manning Hall, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3360.