

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Application and Instructions for the Doctoral Degree in
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (LIS)
Fall 2008 version

This application process consists of **two** parts: one set of materials is sent to the School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) **and** the other one to the Graduate School. Each application has its own instructions, requirements, mailing address, and deadline. **Please read carefully** the instructions for both before you begin filling out the forms.

Please submit all SLIS admissions materials by **January 15th** for full consideration. Late applications may be considered on a space available basis. Letters detailing admission decisions will be mailed by **April 15**.

General Information

1. Name in full (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms., Dr.)
2. Social Security No.
3. (Optional) If you have applied to other schools, please specify.

Experience (Please attach separate pages (either typed or clearly written) for all of the following questions.)

(1) List any full-time employment or what you consider significant part-time employment in which you have been engaged, and which you consider relevant to your decision to pursue a PhD in library and information studies. Include where, for how long, and in what capacity. You may use a resume or curriculum vitae to answer this question.

(2) Describe any teaching experiences, special technology skills (e.g., multimedia development, programming, systems implementation or management), language skills, travel or private study relevant to your application or intended research area.

(3) Do you plan to take a leave or reduce hours at present employment to attend SLIS full time (i.e. 9 credit hours a semester)? Please circle one.

No Yes Uncertain

If your answer is 'no' or 'uncertain,' what variables would influence your decision to take fewer than 9 credit hours a semester?

(4) Application essay: Please write a **concise** essay that addresses the following: (a) reasons for pursuing the doctoral degree in the field of library and information studies (b) post PhD career goals (c) your areas of research interest, and (d) an assessment of how your research interests fit with the research interests of the current SLIS faculty. In answering (d) you should refer to particular SLIS faculty and their current research projects. To do so, examine their personal websites for information about publications and projects.

(5) Writing sample. The SLIS PhD program is writing intensive. Please include a writing sample representative of your writing style and ability. Examples of appropriate writing samples include in order of preference: graduate school papers (old papers are fine), articles published in professional journals or newsletters (not heavily edited by others), management reports or memos prepared by the applicant, or fictional works or other forms of written expression.

Completed applications are to include:

SLIS application form completed with essay (see #4 above)

Writing sample (see #5 above)

2 sets of transcripts

TOEFL scores (if applicable)

You must also submit the following materials through the UW-Madison's Graduate School online applications.

The Graduate School's online application

Three letters of recommendation, at least two of which must be from academic sources

Go to <http://www.slis.wisc.edu/academics/phd-page.html> to access the online application and further instructions.