



DLF FORUM FELLOWSHIPS
FOR LIBRARIANS NEW TO THE PROFESSION

Spring Forum 2006

The Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas
Monday, April 10th – Wednesday, April 12th, 2006.

DEADLINE: Friday February 10th, 2006.

RATIONALE

Our digital library operations often contain librarians, staff, and assistants who are lively, intellectually engaged, and inquisitive, but who are not always routinely funded to travel to conferences where they can learn more about the library profession, see digital initiatives from other institutions, and meet leaders in the profession.

We all have an interest in encouraging newcomers to the profession, and to further this aim the DLF is pleased to continue the DLF Forum Fellowships. The Forums remain an excellent place to hear about the latest advances in digital librarianship, to meet new colleagues and contacts, and to get involved with DLF initiatives. For more information, please see: <http://www.diglib.org/forums.htm>

THE AWARD

- * Four awards of up to \$1,000 each to go towards the travel, board, and lodging expenses of attending a DLF Forum.
- * Dinner at the conference with the other Forum Fellows and selected DLF members, to be hosted by the DLF Director.

ELIGIBILITY

The following full and part-time individuals are eligible:

- * Library employees (faculty, librarians, or staff) at DLF member institutions who have been in the profession for 3 years or less;

* and whose work is wholly or predominantly in some area of the digital library.

* Graduate and undergraduate student assistants at DLF member institutions who, although only working part-time, make a significant contribution to a digital library endeavor and who may be considering a digital library career.

Please note: each DLF member institution is permitted to submit one candidate per Forum for this award.

APPLICATION

Send an email by Friday February 10th, 2006 containing electronic copies of the following items to dseaman@clir.org, with the email subject line of "Spring Forum 2006 Fellowship Application: [your name here]":

* Personal statement from the candidate explaining their educational background, what their Digital Library involvement is, why they are excited about Digital Library work, and how they see themselves benefiting from a DLF Forum.

* Cover letter of nomination from their University Librarian, Program Director, Division Head, or Associate University Librarian.

* A current résumé.

To answer a frequent question, optional letters of support such as those from a supervisor, a library colleague, or a library patron are welcome and permitted, but not required.

EVALUATION

Candidates will be selected by the Forum Program Committee. In assessing the applications, the Committee will look for a demonstrated commitment to digital library work as evidenced by work experience and academic background, and will consider the degree to which forum participation might influence the applicant's decision to pursue a digital library career. They will also make sure that the applicants meet the basic eligibility requirements.

FORUM PROGRAM AND FELLOWSHIP EVALUATION COMMITTEE

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