The School of Library and Information Science of The Catholic University of America has been awarded a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the project “Cultural Heritage Information Management (CHIM): Educating 21st Century Cultural Heritage Information Professionals.” The grant will provide scholarship support for 17 CHIM students starting in spring 2013.

CHIM aims to develop student competencies in the organization, management, and access to the rich resources and collections of cultural institutions through the use of digital technologies. Students also will develop proficiency in designing information services and outreach programs to promote the appreciation and use of cultural heritage resources and collections. Scholarship recipients are expected to complete requirements for the Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MSLIS) degree by spring 2015.

**Scholarship Covers:**

- Tuition for six CHIM courses during 2013-2014, with the cost of the remaining six courses (four core required courses plus two electives) to be covered by the student.

- Student fees for three semesters and one-time new student fee

- Student membership in professional association

- Student conference registration and participation in professional meetings on libraries, archives, and museums issues, such as the Society of American Archivists (SAA) Annual meeting, WebWise, and Museums and the Web.
**Eligibility:**
To be considered for the IMLS CHIM scholarship, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Not currently enrolled in the LIS program at CUA
- Complete application online by October 25, 2012
- Complete CHIM Professional Assessment form
- Work experience in CHIM settings (preferred)

Recipients of other CUA scholarships, such as special tuition benefits related to MOU arrangements, are not eligible for The IMLS CHIM scholarship. Contact Dr. Youngok Choi if you have questions about the IMLS CHIM scholarships.

**Applications:**
Students interested in the CHIM program should submit their applications online (visit [http://admissions.cua.edu/graduate/apply/index.html](http://admissions.cua.edu/graduate/apply/index.html) for details). Applicants must submit the following at the time of application:

- Graduate Application
- Statement of Purpose
- E-Assessment for CHIM
- Unofficial transcripts from all undergraduate level or higher courses
- Contact information for three recommenders
- $55 application fee

Students with an undergraduate GPA lower than 3.0 must submit GRE scores. Students may enroll on a part-time basis.

Information sessions on CHIM will be held in September on campus and off campus. Please join us to learn more about the CHIM program and the scholarships!

Contact Kavita Freeman at freemank@cua.edu for more information on Information Sessions or visit the CHIM website at [http://slis.cua.edu/finaid/imls.cfm](http://slis.cua.edu/finaid/imls.cfm).