GSLIS Doctoral Student Exchange Visits
Call For Proposals
(Academic Year 2013-14)

In keeping with a student exchange visit initiative undertaken by the iSchools Consortium, the GSLIS Doctoral Studies Committee has obtained funds from GSLIS and the Graduate College to support a small program of targeted Ph.D. program visits to other iSchools, so that our Doctoral students may benefit from exchanges with Ph.D. programs at our peer schools. The objectives of this program are:

• To expose our students to a wider range of faculty, students, research styles, interests, and environments.

• To help make opportunities for doctoral students to present research to knowledgeable audiences.

• To help students build relationships that will enhance their careers.

• To initiate new collaborations between GSLIS and other iSchools (in preference to supporting or extending existing collaborations).

• And, not least, to improve awareness at other iSchools of the perspectives and quality of GSLIS research and students.

Participation in this program will be based on competitive selection based on GSLIS Ph.D. student applications – details for which follow below.

1. Eligibility: An applicant must be a GSLIS Ph.D. student in good standing, who has passed the Field Exam, and who is currently registered at the time of the application and at the time of the actual visit. A student who has already received funding under this program in the past is not eligible again.

2. Allowable Visit Sites: Funds awarded under this program can be used to support exchange visits to any academic unit that is a member of the iSchools Consortium (http://ischools.org). Visits to units that are not iSchool Consortium members may possibly be supported if they are well justified in respect to the aims of the program given above.

3. Funds and Amounts: This program will allot a maximum of $1000 per exchange visit, though award amounts will vary depending on travel costs and actual local costs at the host site. Funds awarded under this program may be supplemented with any other funds available the student. For example, if you wish to travel to a foreign iSchool, you will likely need to supplement our award with additional funds from another source.
4. **Allowable Expenses:** Funds awarded under this program may be used only for travel, lodging, and per-diem expenses as defined by the University of Illinois.

5. **Unspent Funds:** Any funds allotted to a particular visit and not actually expended during the visit will revert to the general pool.

6. **Length of Stay:** Because funds under this program alone are limited, we envision using the funds for short visits lasting few days to a week. However, the specific duration of an exchange visit under this program is unrestricted.

7. **Proposal Submission Dates:** Proposals will be accepted for review twice: by **Friday, September 13, 2013** for Fall 2013 or Spring 2014 visits, and **Monday, January 13, 2014** for Spring 2014 visits. Decisions will be made within two weeks of these dates.

8. **Proposal Contents:** Proposals must include the following:

   a. A description of the visit and its aims, which details how you plan to meet the four Program objectives given above. (1 page maximum)

   b. A letter, or comparable evidence, from the host iSchool that 1) a potential visit would be approved pending funding, and 2) a public presentation of some kind (a workshop, a seminar, a formal talk) to facilitate research interaction could be scheduled if the visit is approved.

   c. A budget detailing specific travel, lodging, and per-diem funds requested, defined in accord with standard UIUC Business Travel requirements, and including notice of any supplemental funds raised to help underwrite a visit.

9. **How to submit:** Email your proposal in .pdf format to the head of the DSC (for 2013: Cathy Blake, clblake@illinois.edu).

10. **Evaluation:** Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of:

    i. How well the visit meets the Program's objectives

    ii. How well the visit will benefit both the student and the School in general

    iii. Cost realism

11. **Number of Awards:** We expect to make up to approximately 7 awards for 2013-2014 visits under this program, subject to proposals received and availability of funds.