

WISE RECEIVES IMLS FUNDING

WISE+ : INCREASING DIVERSITY OF THE LIS CURRICULUM

The Web-based Information Science Education (WISE) consortium has received a \$936,000, 3-year grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to fund *WISE+ Leveraging the Power of the Network to Increase the Diversity of LIS Curriculum*.

Funding for *WISE+* supports three initiatives:

1. Partnerships between WISE member schools and professional library associations to increase course offerings to LIS graduate students and existing librarians who seek continuing education in diverse or specialized areas of study.

Association partners include:

- American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
- American Theological Library Association (ATLA)
- Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS)
- Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)
- Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA)
- Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR)
- Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC)
- Medical Library Association (MLA)
- Middle East Librarians Association (MELA)
- Music Library Association (MLA)
- PALINET
- ProLiteracy Worldwide
- Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)
- Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM)
- Society of American Archivists (SAA)
- Special Libraries Association (SLA)
- Urban Libraries Council (ULC)

2. Support and training for education in quality online pedagogy. WISE will provide training to faculty and doctoral students who teach these specialized courses. As part of this effort, WISE will establish a "WISE Scholar" program to provide certification for pedagogical training in online teaching.

3. The creation of a digital repository of learning objects from the collection of WISE supported courses.

These initiatives will be lead by teams from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign; the School of Information Sciences, University of Pittsburgh; and the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University.

WISE was developed to provide faculty training for online pedagogy, establishing standards and metrics for online library and information science (LIS) education; and provide a collaborative marketplace for online LIS courses. Since its inaugural year as an online course-sharing model for masters programs in library and information science (LIS) WISE has welcomed 13 LIS programs from participating colleges and universities around the world, and, as of the summer of 2006 will have offered 117 online courses to 168 students. WISE pedagogical training has included 116 faculty members and potential faculty members participating in WISE online sessions and face-to-face sessions at the ALISE and ALA conferences.



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WISE MEMBER SCHOOLS

- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- Simmons College
- Syracuse University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Maryland
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Western Ontario
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Victoria University of Wellington

WISE STUDENT COMMENTS

"...this was the most fun course I've ever taken and the one from which I've learned the most."

*-M. Murway, Syracuse University
WISE Student*

"Dr. Olson singlehandedly made the course the best distance education experience I have had to date. Her course was thoroughly engaging and it was over much too soon."

*-E. Larssen, Univ. of British Columbia
WISE Student*

"...I thoroughly enjoyed taking this paper and did not feel at all disadvantaged by distance or time zones."

*-A. Jowitt, Victoria Univ. of Wellington
WISE Student*

"...I came away with a huge appreciation for children's literature that was a result of her well-organized, informative, and engaging lessons, which included great readings and resources. I would highly recommend anyone to take her class! I also appreciated her timely responses to my many emails,"

*-BJ Vickery, Syracuse University
WISE Student*

WISE NOW OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS!

The Web-based Information Science Education (WISE) consortium has provided opportunities for collaboration, pedagogical training, and quality principles for online education. Our goal of providing student access to online courses around the world has been achieved with the generous support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The first full year of WISE education has been incredibly successful. We have provided pedagogical training for over 150 faculty at the annual ALISE and ALA conferences and online; developed quality principles in online education; and shared over 100 courses to over 150 students across 13 programs in library and information science. We invite you to find out more about WISE at www.wiseeducation.org

Universities worldwide have requested information about joining WISE. We are looking for additional members that are committed to the three pillars; collaboration, pedagogy, and quality in online education. As such, we are taking applications for membership from programs that provide or are planning to provide online courses in the next few years.

Application for membership in WISE requires that you submit a completed WISE Checklist that describes your online courses or program. Each of the current members has completed this checklist and reviewed it with the other members of the consortium. Your programs completed application will be reviewed by the other members for admission. We also ask that you submit a schedule of the number of online courses you anticipate offering over the next two years. There is

also an annual membership fee and student fees as follows:

Membership Fees: To support the promotion, administration and growth of WISE, the consortium has established a schedule of membership fees. The fee schedule for FY2006-07 is:

Tuition and Fee Exchange: Students registered for WISE courses must register for independent study credit at their home university and pay the associated tuition and fees. **Member institutions are required to contribute \$100, payable to WISE, for each of their students who register for a WISE course offered by another university. Members who have WISE students enrolled in one of their courses from other member institutions will receive \$100 for each external WISE student.**

<i>New Members Fee (One-time Only):</i>	\$2,000
<i>Annual Fee:</i>	\$3,000
<i>(New Members the annual fee is in addition to the new member fee. First year total fee is \$5000.00)</i>	

Fees for partners from countries outside of the US and Canada will be assessed based on a cost of living adjustment for that country.

The goal of WISE is not to have as many schools as possible participating, but to insure that participating programs are committed to quality online education within the library and information science profession. Within WISE, programs have opportunities to network on current pedagogical training in online education, alternative models for online course delivery, information on learning management systems, collaborative research and teaching opportunities, and, of course, access to a wide selection of online courses for their students.



Are you interested in attending the next WISE pedagogical workshop? We will be at ALISE, January 15-18, 2007. Contact us at support@wiseeducation.org or visit our website www.wiseeducation.org for updated information in the coming weeks.

WISE ON THE ROAD

• **Wuhan University - China, 2nd Sino-US Symposium on Library and Information Science Education in Asia in the School of Information Management, Presentation: WISE Future of Online Learning:** Oct. 9-10, 2006

• **Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC), Gathering at the Waters: Embracing Our Spirits, Telling our Stories:** Oct. 11-15, 2006, Dallas, TX

• **i-Conference, Research Frontiers in Information:** Oct. 15-17, 2006, Ann Arbor, MI

• **ASIS&T, Information Realities: Shaping the Digital Future for All:** November 3-8, 2006, Austin, TX

• **ALISE, Habits of Mind and Practice: Preparing Reflective Professionals:** January 15-18, 2007, Seattle, WA

• **ALA Midwinter Meeting:** January 19-24, 2007, Seattle, WA



COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT SPRING 2007

Designing WISE Libraries: The Public Library of the Future

In this WISE course, taught by Syracuse University's School of Information Studies Associate Dean and Professor Bruce Kingma, students will explore the future of public libraries and librarianship through readings from a variety of disciplines, collaborative assignments, and hands-on design exercises, including an architectural rendering of their library. They will attempt to answer the questions:

- What will make up the information world of 2030?
- What does the future hold for the public library?
- What services can the public library of 2030 offer?
- What will the public library of 2030 look like?

Students will investigate how internal workings, processes, technology, politics, and other considerations relate to the external and internal design of a library building. Course topics include human resources, developing a plan of services, technology, budgeting, external and internal building design, and more.