

Cooper-Davis Fellowship for Under-Represented Groups in Librarianship

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School of Library and Information Science
University of South Carolina, Columbia

The Cooper-Davis Fellow receives training and mentoring to serve as an active participant in departments throughout Thomas Cooper Library and the other USC, Columbia University Libraries. The Fellow rotates on a semester basis through public services, technical services, and collection development, gaining practical experience in many facets of librarianship.

Benefits

- ◆ \$7,000 stipend
- ◆ \$1,000 academic scholarship and a special tuition reduction
- ◆ Opportunity to have practicing librarians serve as references for job searches
- ◆ Professional experience in a major research library with the possibility of serving on a library committee

Requirements

- ◆ Be fully admitted to the master's program in SLIS
- ◆ Take a minimum of six graduate hours per semester
- ◆ Be a member of an under-represented group in librarianship and a U.S. citizen
- ◆ Be able to work 20 hours per week for forty weeks in the University Libraries



"I attribute my library career successes to the experiences I had during the Cooper-Davis Fellowship. Those experiences gave me a well-rounded picture of the inner workings and major functions of a library that otherwise I would never have gotten. I learned that while I enjoyed every bit of it, I also discovered what I loved most. I was a better job applicant because my resume was stronger, my library education and training was more rounded, and my insight into departmental issues was relevant and practical."

Marilyn Green
Staff Development Coordinator, Richland County Public Library

"The Cooper-Davis Fellowship provided me with an awesome library life-learning experience. I gained a comprehensive understanding of the many facets of library work and experienced first hand the daily intricacies involved in creating a successful library operation. The greatest benefit for me was to enter the job market with a variety of much-coveted learned job skills both from the Public Services and Technical Services sectors of librarianship. It gave me an assured marketability in an already competitive field."

Gerald B. Moore
Branch Manager, Cooper River Memorial Branch Library



"I was so honored to be awarded the Cooper-Davis Fellowship in the fall of 2005. Before the Fellowship, I worked in a library for three years but this position really introduced me to professional librarianship. The skills I acquired from the Fellowship are so valuable because they can be used in any library setting."

Crystal Johnson
Information Services Librarian, Richland County Public Library

Applications available from: Tilda Reeder, Admissions and Placement Coordinator, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208 reedert@gwm.sc.edu 803-777-5067

Questions about the Fellowship experience? Contact Marilee Birchfield, Reference Librarian, marilee@sc.edu 803-777-4267