

Future Information Professionals Internship for Undergraduate Students
\$4000 plus professional development support
<https://guides.lib.odu.edu/FIP>

Description of Program

We invite ODU undergraduate students who are interested in careers in library and information studies to apply for the Future Information Professionals Internship program for the 2022-2023 academic year. The internship pays **\$4000**, distributed across the academic year. During the fall semester you will learn about the profession by attending the Virginia Library Association Conference, visiting a local library, and attending an informational session to learn more about working in libraries. You will be paired with a coach who is a current ODU graduate student who will support you throughout the year. In the spring semester you will work 10 hours per week in the ODU Libraries, focusing on a project of your choosing. You will be provided with training to develop an ePortfolio to showcase your project. This project prioritizes BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color) students and students who are members of other marginalized groups but all students are welcome to apply.

Requirements:

- Must be a full-time student who is registered for fall 2022 classes and planning to register for spring classes 2023
- Must be committed to participating in all of the activities listed below, including working 10 hours per week at the ODU Libraries during the spring 2023 semester
- Good academic standing

You must be committed to participating in:

Fall semester:

- In-person kick-off informational meeting at Perry Library, **Thursday, September 22, 12:15-1:30 PM**
- Virtual meeting: What to expect at the Virginia Library Association (VLA) Conference, tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, October 13, 6-7:30 PM**
- In-person attendance at the Virginia Library Association (VLA) Conference in Norfolk, VA, Wednesday-Friday, **October 19-21, 2022** (all expenses paid, tour of Slover Library, time with MLIS coach, and networking session with the VLA Librarians of Color Forum included)
- Virtual session: Careers in Libraries (**Thursday, November 10, 6-7:30 PM**)
- In-person session: Introduction to working in the ODU Libraries, identify areas of interest for spring placement (**Tuesday, November 29, 12:15-1:30 PM**)

Spring Semester:

- Work 10 hours per week for 15 weeks in a department within the ODU Libraries. In addition to working within a department, during that work time you will:
 - Assist with department work
 - Attend impact project virtual informational session (date/time TBD)
 - Complete an impact project with the support of your department supervisor
 - Attend in-person ePortfolio workshop
 - Complete ePortfolio that showcases your impact project
 - Attend 1-hour virtual graduate school informational session (date/time TBD)
 - Attend in-person impact project showcase (date/time TBD)

Stipend Information

\$1000 will be paid during the fall semester split across two payments

\$3000 will be paid during the spring semester split across four payments

Additional Support Provided

- Coaching in how to apply for graduate school
- Student support grants to pay for unexpected expenses that may occur during the year
- Funding for impact project supplies
- Refreshments/meals at in-person working meetings

To Apply:

Submit the online application form by **Monday, September 12, 2022**

The form asks you to include:

- Name, UIN, year at ODU, and student email address. (Note: This internship is for full time undergraduate students who are enrolled in fall semester and plan to enroll full-time in spring semester. Juniors and seniors will be given priority, but all students are welcome to apply.)
- Statement of interest: In 1-2 paragraphs describe why you are interested in this internship program, your commitment to the program, and what you are hoping to gain from participating in the required elements. Your essay will be evaluated based on interest, understanding of the internship requirements, and commitment to participating throughout the 2022-23 academic year.
- Do you identify as a black, indigenous, or person of color? (Note: The selection process prioritizes BIPOC, but all students are welcome to apply)
- Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community, a person with a disability, or other marginalized group?
- Are you committed to participating in the scheduled events and programs throughout the fall and spring semester? (yes, no, maybe) *Note: Absences from events/programs will result in a reduced stipend and/or removal from the program.*

Link to application:

https://odu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bx9yfyjCRiHHoAgC

Questions? Contact Lucy Wittkower at lrush@odu.edu.



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