



Invitation to Participate

Dear LIS colleagues,

This email is to invite you to participate in a research study exploring the transition between LIS education and employment in academic libraries.

Our study seeks to examine how students are prepared for and what challenges exist when transitioning from library studies to a career in academic librarianship. Our findings will help contribute to Canadian LIS literature and provide recommendations to LIS programs and employers to help support the successful transition from school to employment.

The survey will remain open until July 28, 2014. Please distribute this email widely.

Eligible participants include:

- Current students enrolled in a Master of Library and Information Studies, or directly equivalent program, at a Canadian university. Students can be pursuing part-time or full-time studies. Participants in this category must have completed approximately 50 percent of their program and have an intention or interest in pursuing a career in academic librarianship.
- Recent graduates who have completed a Master of Library and Information Studies, or directly equivalent program, at a Canadian university within the last year (graduated no earlier than April 2013) and are actively seeking employment at a Canadian academic library.
- New professionals who have completed a Master of Library and Information Studies, or directly equivalent program, at a Canadian university within the last three years (graduated no earlier than April 2011). Participants in this category are recent graduates who are currently employed full- or part-time, either on a permanent or contract basis, at a Canadian academic library.
- Hiring managers or librarians who participate in hiring committees at any Canadian academic library, in any discipline, on either a contract or permanent basis. Librarians involved in other elements of the hiring process and supervisors of new professionals are encouraged to participate.

If you have any questions, please, contact either Laura Thorne by phone at (250) 807-9127 or by email at laura.thorne@ubc.ca or Catherine McGoveran by phone at (613) 562-5800 ext. 2725 or by email at catherine.mcgoveran@uottawa.ca.

Survey data is being collected via Verint, a survey tool provided by UBC IT. Verint is a Canadian-hosted survey solution complying with the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. All data is stored and backed up in Canada.



This study is being conducted in English; however, should a participant require assistance to participate, the researchers will endeavour to provide this assistance wherever possible.

When completed, the researchers will seek to publish the results of the study. If you would like a copy of the research findings, please send a request to either Laura Thorne by phone at (250) 807-9127 or by email at laura.thorne@ubc.ca or Catherine McGoveran by phone at (613) 562-5800 ext. 2725 or by email at catherine.mcgoveran@uottawa.ca.

To participate in our study, please follow the link:
<http://www.surveyfeedback.ca/surveys/wsb.dll/s/1g336c>

Thank you for your support,
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