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## School of Information Sciences

### Great Funding Opportunities - Information Meeting



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WSU SIS FACULTY



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- Scholarships
- Financial Aid
- Graduate Assistantships
- Admissions Application Process



Overview



What is available for Financial Aid, Scholarships and Assistantships?

# School of Information Sciences (SIS) Scholarships

- SIS Scholarships

- More than 20 available—may be based on academic merit, students pursuing certain specializations (E.g. SLM or Archives) or Students from underrepresented backgrounds
- Award \$500-1500; students may apply for two; must be admitted student to apply
- March 1 Deadline



School of Information Sciences Scholarships

# Wayne State Private Scholarships

- WSU Private Scholarships

- Hundreds of scholarships available, it 'automatically' matches students with possible scholarships
- Must complete FAFSA to be eligible for need-based scholarships



Franco Vitella, MLIS '18,  
Sallie Ellison Memorial Endowed  
Scholarship



# Wayne State Graduate Professional Scholarship

## Graduate Professional Scholarship

- Pays full time tuition for Fall and Winter semesters
- 30% of applicants win
- Approximately 15 SIS recipients each year
- March 1 deadline



[Amber Harrison, MLIS/MAPH '21](#)  
[Former GPS recipient](#)



[Paula Montgomery, MSIM, '19](#)  
[Former GPS recipient](#)



# Funding Outside of WSU

## LIS professional associations

- [American Association of Law Libraries: Scholarships](#)
- [Society of American Archivists: Fellows, Awards, and Scholarships](#)
- [Beta Phi Mu Scholarships](#)
- [American Library Association](#)
- [General scholarships](#)
- Scholarships for students from [underrepresented groups](#)
  - [ALA Spectrum Scholarship](#)
- Scholarships for [library support staff](#)
- Scholarships for [specialty or practice areas](#)



[Three SIS students—Selena Aguilera, Saba Al-Hachami and Valerie Salazar—named 2021 American Library Association Spectrum Scholars](#)





# Funding Outside of WSU

## ALA Spectrum Scholarship

- Annually provides up to 60 students from racial and ethnic underrepresented groups with a \$5,000 tuition scholarship and \$1,500 in professional development funds as they pursue a master's degree in library and information science.
- The Spectrum Scholarship Program actively recruits and provides scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern and North African, and/or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students to assist them with obtaining a graduate degree and leadership positions within the profession and ALAScholarshi
- Questions? Need assistance with your personal statement? Contact Selena Aguilera, SIS Diversity Outreach GSA, fw0363@wayne.edu



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ALA Spectrum Scholarship

# Scholarships for Students from Diverse Backgrounds

- [American Association of Law Libraries & Thomson West George A. Strait Minority Scholarship](#)  
MLIS candidates from historically underrepresented backgrounds who have experience and an interest to work in law libraries are encouraged to apply. Award amount varies.
- [American Indian Library Association Virginia Mathews Memorial Scholarship](#)  
Qualified American Indian applicants who have been accepted in to an ALA accredited program are eligible to apply for this scholarship.
- [American Library Association Spectrum Scholarship](#)  
Students from historically underrepresented populations who have completed no less than 1/3 of their MLIS degree from an ALA-accredited program are encouraged to apply. Recipients receive \$5,000 scholarship in addition to professional development support.
- [Asian Pacific American Librarians Association Scholarship](#)  
Financial assistance is provided to a student of Asian or Pacific background who is enrolled, or has been accepted into, a master's or doctoral degree program in library and/or information science at an ALA-accredited school. Award amount is not specified.
- [Association of Research Libraries Kaleidoscope Program](#)  
The goal of the ARL Kaleidoscope Program (formerly the Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce Initiative) is to attract master of library and information science (MLIS) students from historically underrepresented racial and ethnic groups to careers in research libraries and archives.



Lateesa James (MLIS '17)  
Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce  
(IRDW) Scholarship recipient  
Health Sciences Informationist,  
University of Michigan



Diversity Scholarships

# Scholarships for Students from Diverse Backgrounds

- [Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies Century Scholarship](#)  
A scholarship of up to \$2,500 that funds services or accommodation for a library school student(s) with disabilities admitted to an ALA-accredited library school.
- [Chinese American Librarians Association Scholarships](#)  
Students of Chinese descent or nationality and who are enrolled as full-time students in an ALA-accredited program are encouraged to apply. Students can apply for any of the four scholarships CALA offers (totaling \$2200) through a single application.
- [HistoryMakers Fellowship, Mentoring, Training and Placement Institute](#)  
Seeks African-American archivists who recently graduated with a MLIS degree. Applicants must have an interest in working with African-American archival collections. Fellows will receive a \$37,000 stipend.
- [Medical Library Association Scholarship for Minority Students](#)  
African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or Pacific Islander American individuals entering into an ALA-accredited program, who wish to study health sciences librarianship are encouraged to apply. Recipients are awarded up to \$5,000.
- [REFORMA Scholarship](#)  
The REFORMA Scholarship provides up to \$1500 of financial assistance to encourage and enable Spanish speakers to pursue or advance a career in Library and Information Science at MLIS or PhD level



Theo Gill

2021 Kalamazoo Public Library  
Amanda Green Scholarship recipient



Diversity Scholarships

- Ten (10) Graduate Student Assistantships in the University Library System
  - Eight in WSU Libraries.
  - Two (2) in the School of Information Sciences (SIS) – Diversity Outreach GSA & Technology GSA
- The tuition scholarship pays for up to 10 graduate credits for each of the fall and winter semesters and up to 2 graduate credits for the spring/summer semester for up to 22 credits/year  
NOTE: only graduate credits listed on a student's Plan of Work
- GSAs work 20 hours per week rotating around a variety of roles in WSU libraries to provide a holistic perspective of academic librarianship, culminating in a special project their final semester
- Assistantship positions provide a salary (approximately \$20,686/year), tuition scholarship, and subsidized medical and dental insurance
  - Nine month contract – mid-August to mid-May (summer employment may be available)
- Meet the GSAs!



## Assistantships

# Wayne State offers tuition assistance to full-time employees

- Check out available jobs at [jobs.wayne.edu](https://jobs.wayne.edu)
  - Tuition benefit pays for two courses a semester
- Employee Tuition Assistance Benefit pays 100% of the cost of tuition, regular registration fee, omnibus fee, and fitness center fee for eligible employees.
- Reduced Tuition for Spouse/Child of Employee Benefit pays 50% of the cost of tuition only for an eligible spouse/child of an eligible employee.
- Reduced Tuition for Spouse/Child of Union of Part-Time Faculty (UPTF) Member Benefit pays 50% of the cost of tuition only for an eligible spouse/child of an eligible UPTF member.



[Betty Adams, MLIS '20, Library Director, Leanna Hicks Public Library, Inkster, MI](#)  
[MLA Rising Star Award, 2021](#)



[Rafia Sultana, MSIM, '21](#)  
[Data Governance Analyst at Georgia-Pacific](#)



Work at Wayne State

## Financial Aid from WSU

- Wayne State's Financial Aid office
  - For graduate students financial aid only available as loans
- New Student Financial Aid Checklist
- Enrollment Requirements





How Do I Apply for Admission?



- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with **GPA of 3.0 or better** (or another degree beyond the BS)
- Meet the [Technology Requirements](#) of the degree or certificate program applying for:
  - MLIS and Certificate: [MLIS Technology Requirements](#)
  - MSIM: [MSIM Technology Requirements](#) and [MSIM Technical Competencies](#)
- [Personal Statement](#) (250-500 words/1-2 pages)
  - MLIS and certificate students: Statement should reflect relevant personal and academic background/experience
  - MSIM students: Address your experience/familiarity with required technical competencies needed for MSIM degree
- **Resume or Curriculum Vitae**
- Complete online [New Student Orientation](#)  
Not applicable for certificate-only students

# Admissions Requirements





## Alternative Admission Methods

Applicants with an undergrad grade point average between 2.50 and 2.99 can satisfy this requirement by one of the alternative methods:

- Evidence of post-baccalaureate graduate course work completed with a grade point average of 3.0 or better in a minimum of 9 graduate credits OR
- 6 SIS credits as a non-degree student with a grade point average of 3.0 or better in each course Note: non-degree students are not eligible for financial aid OR
- Official score report for either of the following standardized tests taken within the last five years
  - Graduate Record Examination (GRE): A total score of 294 on the combined verbal and quantitative portions. The verbal portion must have a score of at least 153
  - Miller Analogies Test (MAT): official score report must indicate a score of at least 410



## How Do I Apply?

1. Apply online at [www.gradapply.wayne.edu](http://www.gradapply.wayne.edu).
2. Compose and upload a personal statement reflecting relevant personal and academic background and experience. The statement should be a minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 500 words (1-2 pages).
3. Upload a current resume or curriculum vitae with your application.
4. Request official transcripts from each university you attended and have them sent directly to the WSU Office of Graduate Admissions, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, 48202.
5. Pay \$50 Application fee.

## Application Dates for Admission --- *Recommended*

- Fall classes beginning early September - by July 1
- Winter classes beginning early January - by November 1
- Spring classes beginning early May - by April 1



- Admission process: Typically takes **2-4 weeks**
- Your **WSU Access ID** will be emailed to you after submitting your application, allowing you to check the status of your application
- You will receive an **e-mail from Graduate Admissions** when a decision has been made on your application
- A **letter from the School of Information Sciences** will follow with information regarding your admission decision
  - If you are accepted to the program, this letter will contain information on orientation and your faculty advisor Faculty contact information and areas of interest
- All students are subscribed to the **SIS discussion list, SISINF**, prior to their first semester.
  - Important announcements such as registration dates, practicum application periods, scholarship deadlines and job openings are posted to SISINF
  - Students must login to Academica and activate their WSU email
- You have one year (four semesters) to begin at WSU, however need to re-apply if you do not register your first semester



## What's Next?

**Total Estimated Cost: \$31,826.21**

Tuition calculation based on taking **36.0** credit hour(s)

## Itemized Tuition and Fees

<b>Resident Graduate - Information Science</b> per CREDIT HOUR RATE:	\$818.26
Student Service per Credit Hour Fee:	\$56.69
Registration Fee:	\$328.01

Tuition:	\$818.26 x 36.0 credits =	\$29,457.36
Student Service per Credit Hour Fee:	\$56.69 x 36.0 credits =	\$2,040.84
Registration Fee:		\$328.01
<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>		<b>\$31,826.21</b>

- Online MLIS students pay the same [tuition and fee rates as in-state students: \\$818.26/credit hour](#)
- WSU tuition calculator: <http://apps.reg.wayne.edu/tuition>



Tuition

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