



**NASIG STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM**

**2023 APPLICATION FOR STUDENT MENTEES**

Due June 30, 2023

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**Are you a member of NASIG?** (Required; student membership is free)

Yes  X

No

The NASIG Mentoring Program requires a one year commitment of participation from mentees. This year's program will run from August 2023 to May 2024. **Will you be able to commit to this timeframe?**

Yes  X

No

*See the program description for specifics about program participation.*

**Why do you want to be mentored? What would be your expectations of this program?**

I am a recent MLIS graduate pursuing academic librarianship. I am currently seeking my first professional position, but have worked in libraries in some capacity since 2015. I am very interested in working with a more established library professional to learn more about the ins and outs of academic librarianship, including how to navigate the interpersonal and institutional politics of the job.

My expectation would be somewhat regular communication with my mentor, hoping to hear about their experience and learn from what resources and tools have helped them find their place in academic librarianship. I am also interested in learning more about different areas of expertise. I am primarily interested in technical services, cataloging, and preservation, but am eager to learn in almost all areas of academic librarianship, and would relish the chance to learn from another professional. Though I have just completed my MLIS degree, I know that there are aspects to the profession that I still have little or no knowledge of, and am very interested in this opportunity for personal and professional growth.

**Areas of Interest (please choose up to 3):**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cataloging/Metadata               | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly Communication             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Services                | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Sharing                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Resources                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Linked Data and Usability                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Access & Discoverability            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collection Development/Assessment            | <input type="checkbox"/> Serials Management                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation/Digital Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Access                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industry Standards                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Web Site Development                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility/Diversity Initiatives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usage Statistics                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Repositories          |

**Please list any other relevant areas of interest that are not mentioned above.**

If I were able to select more than three areas of interest, I would also check:

- Resource sharing
- Collection development/assessment
- Industry standards
- Open access
- Accessibility/diversity initiatives (particularly in relation to neurodiversity/disability)
- Institutional repositories

**Would you like to be mentored on research and publication?**

Yes\_\_\_\_\_

No\_\_X\_\_

**Is there any other information that you would like to add to this application?**

I was excited to join NASIG as a student member after writing a paper about digital preservation and using some of their work as a source. I was very interested in the work done with the Digital Preservation Task Force, and am excited to work with other people in the field.

**Please email your completed application by June 30, 2023 to [mentoring@nasig.org](mailto:mentoring@nasig.org)**

By submitting this form you acknowledge that you will actively participate in the program, will strive to be respectful and constructive in all communication. The Mentoring and Student Outreach Committee will be contacted if issues/concerns arise that the mentor or mentee are not able to resolve on their own. All discussions and information will be kept confidential unless otherwise specified by both the mentor and mentee.