



**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?

*The professional experience I have had at my current position as a User Experience Student Assistant, while invaluable, has assisted my professional development in only so many areas. For example, I stand behind the circulation desk and help library patrons locate the materials they seek. This entails that I have familiarity not only with where our bibliographic items are shelved, but also with how information is organized and cataloged according to the Library of Congress Classification System. I also facilitate patrons' information needs, e.g., I check items out to patrons, field their questions, and walk them through several processes; indeed, this has helped me garner much first-hand knowledge of polysemous words and, by extension, alerted me to the importance of building controlled vocabularies. I have, however, had relatively little experience interpreting analytics (e.g., circulation statistics), and I have, at present, only preliminary knowledge of specific research methods (e.g. content analysis, discourse analysis) that I believe I can, upon further development, effectively use to conduct bibliometric studies and so produce research that may aid professional catalogers. My expectation is that a mentor will help me impose a stricter regimen on myself, improve my metacognitive abilities, and enlighten me on opportunities I can and shall pursue.*

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cataloging/Metadata               | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly Communication             |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collection Development/Assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> Serials Management                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation/Digital Perservation            | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Usage Statistics                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Repositories          |

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

*Bibliometrics and Citation Analysis (although I recognize that this might fall under Scholarly Communication.)*

Would you like to be mentored on research and publication?

Yes

No

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

*Thank you, NASIG, for providing this opportunity to Library and Information Science students who may be intimidated by the vastness of this field and will greatly benefit from having professional mentors to navigate them.*

**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 the both the mentor and mentee.