

**URI Graduate School of Library and
Information Studies
Report on Scholarship Awards
2018-2025**

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Betty Fast Memorial Graduate School of Library & Information Studies Scholarship

Income from endowment for a scholarship awarded annually to a deserving student in the Graduate School of Library & Information Studies.

Awards

2018-19: 1 recipient, \$826

2019-20: 1 recipient, \$846

2020-21: 1 recipient, \$957

2021-22: 1 recipient, \$858

2022-23: 1 recipient, \$962

2023-24: 1 recipient, \$994

2024-25: 1 recipient, \$1,526

Total Awarded

Academic Years

2018-2025

\$6,989

Julia Horwitz
GSLIS '24

“The decision to pursue my MLIS at URI in 2022 was one I was both deeply excited about and committed to, and one I was nervous about for financial reasons. At the time, I was working as an elementary paraprofessional and at another part-time job, and trying to balance these while beginning my coursework was daunting. Receiving the Betty Fast scholarship allowed me the freedom to reduce my work hours and dedicate my full energy, attention, and passion to the beginning of my time at URI. Receiving this scholarship showed me that I was embarking on a program led by library professionals who were deeply supportive, and who understood the unique rewards and challenges of beginning a career in library work. I am now working as a full time public librarian and looking back at my time in the URI GSLIS program, receiving this scholarship is one of the many things I look back on with deep gratitude, knowing it was instrumental to setting me on the path I am on today.”

Graduate School of Library & Information Studies Scholarship

Income from endowment for a scholarship in Library Science awarded annually to a student enrolled in the Graduate Library School. Recipient selected by the Director of the Graduate Library School.

Awards

2018-19: 1 recipient, \$2,189

2019-20: 1 recipient, \$1,643

2020-21: 1 recipient, \$2,203

2021-22: 1 recipient, \$1,973

2022-23: 2 recipients, \$2,212

2023-24: 1 recipient, \$2,324

2024-25: 1 recipient, \$2,425

Total Awarded

Academic Years
2018-2025

\$14,969

Winnie Hurst
Current Student

“The GSLIS scholarship provided me with extra funding that was not in the form of a loan for my financial aid toward my degree. This meant a lot because that is an amount that I will not have to pay back in addition to the majority of my financial aid being loans. The way it helps support my studies is by making it possible for me to have enough financial aid to cover tuition costs without having my full financial aid package be all loans. It could go towards a course covering specific topics in archives or special collections. The way it supports my future career is by making it possible for me to explore the different branches of Library and Information Studies to determine which work environment I would like to pursue.”

Elizabeth D. Futas Scholarship

Income from endowment for a scholarship awarded annually to a student in the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies program. The scholarship is in memory of Elizabeth D. Futas who was director of the program until her untimely death. The recipient will be selected by GSLIS.

Awards

2018-19: 1 recipient, \$3,890

2019-20: 1 recipient, \$3,982

2020-21: 2 recipients, \$4,510

2021-22: 2 recipients, \$4,000

2022-23: 1 recipient, \$2,285

2023-24: 2 recipients, \$6,964

2024-25: 2 recipients, \$6,010

Total Awarded

Academic Years

2018-2025

\$31,641

Liz Flaisig
Expected
Graduation '26

“At a time when teaching and librarianship are intersecting in new and exciting ways, the Elizabeth Futas Scholarship made a significant difference by allowing me to experience both confirmation of my work in GSLIS and receive critical tuition assistance. The decision to pursue a lifelong dream of a graduate degree in library studies meant taking on student loans to cover both educational and living expenses. This scholarship money eased the financial burden, creating more room to focus solely on immersing myself in this important and valuable experience.”

The Library and Information Studies Scholarship Endowment

Income from the endowment will be used to provide scholarships to two students in the Library and Information Studies program: one who is preparing to go into public librarianship and the other who is preparing to go into school librarianship. Recipients shall be selected by the LIS Director in consultation with faculty and determination of the awards shall be based on academic excellence and other criteria, including demonstrated social responsibility, professional leadership, and contribution to the community. Preference shall be given to a student living or working in Rhode Island.

Awards

2018-19: 2 recipients, \$800

2021-22: 2 recipients, \$1,298

2019-20: 2 recipients, \$820

2022-23: 2 recipients, \$932

2020-21: 1 recipient, \$465

2023-24: 2 recipients, \$964

2024-25: 2 recipients, \$1,000

Total Awarded Academic Years

2018-2025

\$6,279

GSLIS Prism Scholarship Endowment

The Fund shall support deserving graduate students in the Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program. Preference will be given to applicants who are first generation students or those who have experienced discrimination or harassment based on their immigration status or citizenship and have developed resilience, ambition, motivation, or other traits indicative of likely academic or career success, as illustrated in an essay. Recipients selected by MLIS in conjunction with the Office of Enrollment Services.

Awards

2018-19: 1 recipient, \$618

2021-22: 1 recipient, \$728

2019-20: 1 recipient, \$664

2022-23: 1 recipient, \$845

2020-21: 1 recipient, \$784

2023-24: 1 recipient, \$941

2024-25: 1 recipient, \$1,060

Total Awarded Academic Years

2018-2025

\$5,640

Mattoon-Kline Scholarship in GSLIS

The purpose of the Fund shall be that income from the endowment will be used for a scholarship to support a full or part time graduate student in the Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program who is a first generation college student. The recipient will be selected by the Director of GSLIS in conjunction with Office of Enrollment Services based on financial need.

Awards

2018-19: 1 recipient, \$614

2021-22: 1 recipient, \$816

2019-20: 1 recipient, \$675

2022-23: 1 recipient, \$982

2020-21: 1 recipient, \$764

2023-24: 1 recipient, \$1,015

2024-25: 1 recipient, \$1,121

Total Awarded Academic Years

2018-2025

\$5,987

H. W. Wilson Graduate School of Library & Information Studies Scholarship Fund

Scholarship for GSLIS students

Awards

2018-19: 2 recipients, \$3,564

2019-20: 2 recipients, \$3,564

Total Awarded Academic Years

2018-2025

\$7,126