Funded PhD Opportunities in Illinois

The University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS), the iSchool at Illinois, is actively recruiting high quality doctoral students who want to design, develop, and evaluate informatics solutions to the grand challenges of the twenty-first century. Admitted candidates typically receive up to 4 years of funding in the form of research, teaching and service assistantships, including tuition waivers and stipends.

Massive changes in how large collections of data are created, disseminated, analyzed, and used have increased the role that information plays in industry, science, scholarship, government, and our everyday lives. The flexible program ensures that each student receives the intellectual guidance and experiences necessary to prepare them for vibrant research careers in a wide range of academic, business, and government settings. Students receive one-on-one mentorship from faculty with a global reputation for excellence in scholarship and high impact science.

Faculty work on data from many domains including science (MEDLINE, EPA, STAR METRICS), business (health, energy, media), humanities (HathiTrust, Google Books), and everyday life (social media) and develop new methods in:

• Text and Data Mining
• Informetrics and Data Analytics
• Information Retrieval
• Social Computing
• Digital Humanities
• Social Network Analysis
• Digital Libraries
• Computer Supported Cooperative Work
• Data Curation and Linked Data
• Information Trust and Privacy
• Digital Youth

GSLIS supports a broad range of interdisciplinary research in areas such as youth services, user services and outreach, information history and policy, social and community informatics, data curation and information organization. Additional information about research at GSLIS is available at http://www.lis.illinois.edu/research/projects. For specific information about the PhD program, please visit http://www.lis.illinois.edu/academics/degrees/phd or contact lis-apply@illinois.edu.

Students from historically underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply. Deadline for PhD applications is December 15, 2014.