

Application for Graduate Admission
Supplementary Application - Library and Information Science (LBSC/LBSO)

Please upload the response to the questions below on the Uploads Requirement page. Application essays should be uploaded under the Supplementary Application section.

We are interested in finding out more about what you want to do in this program and in your career. You must answer the appropriate "Mandatory Question" and then choose 3 of the "Additional Questions" to answer. Please incorporate any relevant experience (work, volunteer, internship, etc.) where appropriate. If you have earned below the 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA threshold required by the Graduate School, please address this in one of your answers.

Questions

Mandatory Question: Which specialization(s) are you most interested in, and why? Please go into some detail explaining what knowledge and skills you wish to gain through your coursework. Your answer should be between 150-200 words.

For students interested in the School Library specialization, your answer should address the following questions: How does the work of school librarians contribute to creating a positive and engaging learning environment for all students? What skills do you expect to develop during graduate school that will enable you to become an effective school librarian? Your answer should be between 150-200 words.

Additional Questions: ALL applicants must also select 3 of the following questions to answer. Each answer should be between 150-200 words.

1. Find a current job opening that you could see yourself pursuing upon completion of the MLIS degree. What is the job, and how will the MLIS program prepare you for it?
2. Imagine you could create any class for the MLIS Program to offer. What would the class be called and what skills/content would it teach?
3. Reflecting on an experience where you had to navigate adversity, describe how this experience helped you prepare for your graduate studies in the iSchool.
4. One of the MLIS Program Learning Objectives is to "apply user-focused strategies to work inclusively and equitably with diverse populations." What diverse perspective(s) do you bring to the MLIS Program?
5. If you do not have experiences volunteering/working/interning in the field, how do you know a career in library, archives, or museums is a good fit for you?

6. Graduate school should be about more than completing a degree. The skills you acquire during your time at Maryland will set the stage for personal and professional success. Please look at the Graduate Pathways guidance provided by the Graduate School. In addition to coursework, what will you do to support your personal and professional development?