Program highlights

Each year, up to five individuals are selected for the Fellowship program, based at OCLC® headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, USA. The program includes discussions with leading practitioners, library visits, and mentoring, and gives Fellows opportunities to explore topics including information technologies, library operations and management, and global cooperative librarianship. The program also gives Fellows the chance to share their home customs and cultures with other Fellows, with colleagues they meet during the program, and with their hosts.

Putting education into action

The Fellowship program emphasizes cooperation and action. The Fellows give formal and informal presentations about their home countries and libraries, and the challenges facing libraries in their home countries. These presentations help others better understand their role in helping libraries around the world. As their program concludes, Fellows translate their program experiences into specific development plans to guide their continued growth and personal contributions to their home institutions.
Reaching across geographic borders

Since the program was announced in 1999, the Fellowship has welcomed 90 librarians and information science professionals from 39 countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, China, Colombia, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Korea, Macedonia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Moldova, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Serbia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

“I like the program’s focus on global librarian leadership.”
Arnold Mwanzu
2018 Fellow from Kenya

“This experience will help me be a better professional. It has been life-changing.”
Patience Ngizi-Hara
2017 Fellow from Zambia

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
The organizations that sponsor the Fellowship program are seeking additional sponsorships from other interested organizations. For more information about sponsorship opportunities and general inquiries about the program, contact Nancy Lensenmayer, Program Director, Education and Professional Development: lensenma@oclc.org.

Program guidelines and applications
Complete program details, including program guidelines and an application, are available at oc.lc/fellowship.