Public Broadcasting Preservation Fellowships for OU SLIS Master’s Students

SLIS is recruiting applications for two paid fellowships, one for Spring 2018 and one for Summer 2018. These IMLS grant-supported fellowships are specifically for students with a demonstrable interest in audio and visual media archives. Fellows will engage in the digital preservation of historically significant AV materials from the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority using equipment that will be located on the OU Norman campus.

Details of the Fellowship

- Fellows will attend a training “bootcamp” in Boston with travel expenses paid from the grant. Training for the spring fellow is January 3-6 (arrive January 2); for the summer fellow June 4-7 (arrive June 3)
- Work duration: The spring fellow will work 16 hours per week from January 22 to April 27. The summer fellow will work 25 hours per week from June 11 to August 10. It is the same total number of work hours but spread over a different duration
- The stipend for each fellowship is $5,152
- Both fellows will be required to attend the August 2018 conference of the Society of American Archivists and give a presentation on their project (August 12-18, 2018 in Washington, DC). Travel and conference expenses will be paid by the grant
- The summer fellow will be expected to give a workshop for SLIS students in fall 2018 on how to use the equipment for the digitization of AV materials
- The spring fellow will be chosen by the end of November 2017 and the summer fellow will be chosen by April 1, 2018
- To apply for the fellowship, students will fill out an application form, provide a short essay detailing their interest, and participate in an interview

About the Grant

The University of Oklahoma’s School of Library and Information Studies is a grant partner for the Institute of Museum and Library Services grant awarded to WGBH Educational Foundation in Boston. WGBH has partnered with LIS master’s programs at five universities. Each university will have funding for two graduate student fellowships, one in Spring 2018 and one in Summer 2018. Graduate student fellows will use provided technology work stations to digitally preserve public broadcasting archives. The public media organization partner that will work with the OU fellows is the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority in Oklahoma City.


The proposal itself with all of the details:  https://www.imls.gov/sites/default/files/grants/re-85-17-0092-17/proposals/re-85-17-0092-17-full-proposal-documents.pdf
Application for Broadcasting Preservation Fellowship

Applications for the Spring fellowship due by November 13, 2017
Applications for the Summer fellowship due by March 15, 2018

Applicants are required to be master’s students in the OU School of Library and Information Studies

ID# _____________________ Advisor _____________________

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________________ E-Mail: ________________________________

Current SLIS GPA: _________________________________________________________

Expected Graduation Date:_____________________________________________________

In addition to the MLIS, are you also seeking a Graduate Certificate? ☐ Yes, ☐ No

☐ Graduate Certificate in Archival Studies
☐ Graduate Certificate in Digital Humanities
☐ Other OU Graduate Certificate _____________________________________________

Please include a short (no more than 2 pages) essay that documents your interest in working with AV materials and digital preservation. This interest may be indicated by:

- Job history
- Educational background
- Courses taken at OU SLIS (Such as Digital Collections, Digital Curation, Preservation, etc.)
- LIS career goals

You may include support materials such as a resume, SLIS program planning form, or statement of support from your advisor, but these support materials are not required.

Please submit all application materials to Dr. Susan Burke (sburke@ou.edu) by the deadline.