

*News***Apply for the 2025 Research Training Institute Program**

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Are you eager to enhance services, build strategic connections, and boost the influence of your library? Do you have a research idea or question that you are passionate about but need guidance and a supportive network to bring it to life? Are you interested in advocating for the essential role of librarians in advancing health and wellness?

The [Research Training Institute \(RTI\)](#) program is a comprehensive online research methods training and support program. With a proven model, RTI empowers participants to strengthen their research capabilities, build confidence, and boost productivity (see [RTI Assessment Findings](#) and [article](#)). **All librarians**, no matter the size or type of setting or level of professional experience, who provide *health* information services, collections, and support and want to contribute to improving library and health care outcomes are encouraged to apply. RTI '25 also accepts a limited number of **graduate students** from Library and Information Science (LIS) programs, creating a dynamic of experienced practitioners and emerging professionals for advanced research instruction, mentoring, and hands-on experience in conducting a research project.

The year-long program includes advanced research modules, mentoring by [faculty experts](#) and peer coaches, and guided project implementation, culminating in a research poster presentation at the MLA '26 Conference & Exhibits. Participants can earn 48 MLA continuing education (CE) contact hours and receive an MLA Research Training Institute Fellow Certificate, gaining valuable recognition for their accomplishments. Learn more about the RTI [program details](#).

New Groundbreaking RTI Research Fellowship for 2025!

For RTI graduates, a prestigious new fellowship—the [RTI Research Fellowship](#)—will recognize those who complete the RTI program and publish their RTI research as lead authors in peer-reviewed journals. In recognition of their achievements, the RTI Research Fellows will be distinguished with the use of “RTIF” post-nominals following their names. As the only research fellowship for librarians and LIS

graduate students in the country, the RTI Research Fellowship sets a national and global benchmark of excellence for LIS research education.

Applications Open until February 18, 2025

Join the 2025 RTI cohort! [Applications](#) are open through February 18, 2025, with acceptance notifications in April. Scholarships are available for professionals and students with financial need. The program welcomes **U.S., Canadian, and international applicants**, and **individuals from underrepresented communities** are especially encouraged to apply. For eligibility requirements, selection criteria, and more information, visit the [RTI website](#) or contact Susan Lessick, AHIP, FMLA, at slessick@uci.edu.

[Apply to RTI '25](#) and begin your exciting research journey today!