

16 Full Scholarships Available:

WORKING IN A RURAL LIBRARY IN APPALACHIA AND WANT TO EARN A MASTER'S DEGREE ONLINE?



**Consider applying to the ITRL Scholarship Program.
Rural Library Professionals as Change Agents in the 21st Century: Integrating Information
Technology Competencies in the Southern and Central Appalachian Region**

PROGRAM BENEFITS: Full-tuition scholarship for two years with an allowance for materials, part-time degree program with a structured, individually-tailored information technology and rural management-based curriculum with formal/informal professional mentoring by educators and practitioners.

PROGRAM GOAL: To recruit 16 individuals who are working in the Southern and Central Appalachian region's rural libraries to complete their master's degree with a focus on information technology and rural librarianship in the University of Tennessee's School of Information Sciences program via distance education.

APPLICATION & ADMISSION: Eligibility & Requirements

- Currently working in a rural Appalachian library
- Completed bachelor's degree
- A 3.25 cumulative GPA in undergraduate coursework and GRE scores (above the fifty percentile) or a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in 12 or more hours of graduate coursework
- Complete the UT SIS Admission Application and the ITRL Scholarship Program Application

For additional information on how to apply, visit <http://www.sis.utk.edu/admissions> and <https://www.sis.utk.edu/rural-librarianship>

DEADLINES/TIMELINES: UT SIS Admission Applications and the ITRL Scholarship Program Applications will be reviewed in January 2010. Students will be admitted into the ITRL program by May 2010. ITRL Program duration is June 2010 - August 2012.

CONTACT: If you are interested (or know of others who might be interested), please contact **Dr. Bharat Mehra** at 865-974-5917 or bmehra@utk.edu, Assistant Professor, School of Information Sciences, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

PARTNERS: SIS faculty Drs. Bharat Mehra, Kimberly Black and Vandana Singh and partnering with the Clinch-Powell Regional Library (Susan Simmons), Sevier County Public Library System (KC Williams), and the Watauga Regional Library (Nancy Renfro).

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