The Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is recruiting for new graduate research and education opportunities in scientific data curation. Data Curation Education in Research Centers (DCERC) is an IMLS funded initiative addressing the lag in LIS research expertise and production in scientific data curation.

About the Program:
There is a critical need for information science research on the curation of scientific data. DCERC will bring students into the real world of scientific data curation, where they will engage with current practices and challenges while developing expertise and conducting research in the area.

The awards will offer:
- Tuition coverage for the duration of the 4-year award.
- Two-year research position with stipend at the Center for Informatics Research in Science and Scholarship (CIRSS - http://cirss.lis.illinois.edu), working with a team on established data curation research projects.
- One-year, on-site field experience at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR - http://ncar.ucar.edu), working with science and data mentors with deep expertise in scientific data management, delivery, curation, and preservation.
- One-year dissertation fellowship.

Admissions Information:
Awards are competitive and will be assigned to the most qualified applicants after admission to the GSLIS Ph.D. program. Information about the admissions process is available online at http://www.lis.illinois.edu/academics/programs/phd. For questions about Ph.D. admissions contact the GSLIS Admissions Office at (800) 982-0914.

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DCERC is a partnership engaged in the development of a sustainable and transferable model for Library and Information Science master and doctoral education in data curation that integrated field experiences in research and data centers into the education process. For information on the DCERC master’s component at the University of Tennessee, please contact Suzie Allard, sallard@utk.edu.

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