

Sponsor/Title: Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) -- Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program – Community-Centered Implementation Track Only

Website:

<https://www.ims.gov/find-funding/funding-opportunities/grant-programs/laura-bush-21st-century-librarian-program>

Funding Opportunity Number: LB21-FY26

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-02-09

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-03-13

Note: *Only the Community-Centered Implementation project type is subject to a limited submission. There is no restriction on the number of applications you may submit for the Planning, Forum, National Implementation, or Applied Research project types.*

Description: Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian (LB21) projects build a library and archival workforce that can meet the information needs of communities and increase the institutional capacity of libraries, archives, and library and information science graduate programs across the country.

The program supports projects that:

- provide training and professional development to library and archives professionals;
- develop faculty and information leaders; and
- recruit, educate, and retain the next generation of library and archives professionals.

Projects can support the recruitment, education, training, and retention of pre-professionals, students, faculty, and the current library and archives workforce.

Required Internal Application: Upload the following information to the Google Form --

<https://forms.gle/HsNjHNQaj1uWKDs47> by the internal deadline.

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- Names of ND Collaborators: For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary (maximum of three (3) pages). The Project Summary should align with the Peer Review Criteria outlined on pages 50-52 of the NOFO and address the following areas:

- *Project Justification:* Does the proposal identify an existing model (standard, practice, toolkit, open-source software, or research finding) that they will adapt to their local context?
- *Project Work Plan:* Does the work plan demonstrate how the identified model will be used or adapted to a local context?
- *Project Results:* How well will the project results address the identified need, challenge, or opportunity?
- *Project Results:* Are project deliverables readily adaptable, generalizable, and usable by other institutions and communities?

Questions? Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.