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Announcing the \$50k for 50 Years Campaign

WESTFORD, Massachusetts – The Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) is proud to announce its “\$50K for 50 Years” campaign to raise funds toward a professional development diversity fellowship in celebration of the organization’s 50th anniversary. The campaign represents one-way ARLIS/NA is working to diversify art librarianship as its members look toward the future of the field. By funding paid internship experiences and fostering a professional network of colleagues for early-career librarians of color, ARLIS/NA will go beyond the one-time award model and provide support to recipients to prepare them for careers in art librarianship. Internships will take place under the supervision of ARLIS/NA members, with the award creating national visibility for recipients in addition to mentorships and networking support from local ARLIS chapters.

As reflected in its [Statement on Diversity](#), ARLIS/NA recognizes that collective efforts by professional organizations have the power to transform the fields they serve. This initiative supports [ARLIS/NA's strategic directions](#) in Organizational Advancement, Art Information Professionals, and Diversity and Inclusion:

- **Organizational Advancement:** As the leading art information organization, the Society shall strengthen the profession through increased visibility, collaborative partnerships, international networks, and membership engagement.
- **Art Information Professionals:** The Society shall support the evolving role of art information professionals through education, mentoring, and professional development opportunities that foster excellence and innovation.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** The Society shall promote diversity and inclusion within the profession, including the makeup of its workforce, the design of services and programming, the development of intercultural fluency skills and competencies, and the practice of inclusive collections building.

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This professional development opportunity is a collaborative effort across ARLIS/NA, built on the combined work of the Development Committee, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and Awards Committee. Local chapters will support and mentor the selected individuals.

The campaign officially kicked off at the 2021 annual conference, and our goal is to build an endowment of at least \$50,000 to fund one internship recipient in the first year. Continued support to increase the endowment will allow funding for multiple recipients in future years. To contribute to the campaign, please visit the [Donate Now page](https://www.arlisna.org/support/donate-now) (<https://www.arlisna.org/support/donate-now>) and select the \$50K for 50 Years Fund.

About the Art Libraries Society of North America

Founded in 1972, the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NA) is a dynamic, international organization of close to 1,000 individuals devoted to fostering excellence in art and design librarianship and image management in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The membership includes architecture and art librarians, visual resources professionals, artists, curators, educators, publishers, students, and other interested in visual arts information. To serve this diverse constituency, the Society provides a wide range of programs and services within an organizational structure that encourages participation at every level.

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