



## THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

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### Agreement between the Catholic University of America (CUA) and the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS)

CUA seeks to renew its tuition agreement with the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) to provide LCPS employees the opportunity to obtain their Master of Science in Library Science (MSLS) when they meet required admission standards. The admitted students will receive a 50% tuition scholarship from CUA only for the 12 courses that comprise the degree.

Applicants will apply directly to the university. A letter from the LCPS Staff Development Office verifying that students continue to be employees of the Schools will be sent to the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) each semester before registration. In order to benefit from the tuition agreement, students must be continuously employed by LCPS throughout their degree pursuit. Students will be billed directly for their tuition and fees and are responsible for all tuition and fees. Students who are not employees of the LCPS may take courses held in Loudoun County on a space-available basis but will not receive the discount accorded to the school district employees.


Year-round and at all locations, the CUA-SLIS tuition for LCPS students will be fifty (50) percent of the fall, on-campus, graduate per-course tuition. LCPS has agreed to pay the remaining one half of the above tuition for their employees for a total of four (4) of the 12 courses that comprise the degree program. LCPS tuition assistance does not extend to any fees or any other, university expenses students may incur for the four courses LCPS has agreed to support at fifty percent of the tuition costs. The courses that will be covered for 50% of tuition by LCPS are as follows: CLSC 551, CLSC 555, CLSC 606 and CLSC 813. Students will be responsible for paying the above tuition for the remaining eight (8) courses plus normal fees and any other, related, university expenses for all remaining courses to complete the program at any location, either on or off-campus, where the student may take classes.

Classes for the LCPS employees will be a part of the regular schedule and offered in Washington, D.C. and Virginia during the fall, spring and summer sessions. In the fall and spring semesters, one course, either face-to-face or in a blended format, will be offered in Loudoun County. In the summer session, two courses, either face-to-face or in a blended format, will be offered in Loudoun County. The space for class meetings in the county will be provided by LCPS at no charge to CUA.

LCPS also agrees to be active in providing information about the CUA program to employees and to give access to CUA/SLIS faculty and staff for the purpose of continued recruiting. They will also assist their employees in finding additional scholarship assistance if asked to do so.


The term of this agreement is for four years and may be renewed if both parties agree. If the agreement is not renewed, students already admitted will retain the benefit of reduced tuition provided by CUA and the financial support provided by LCPS until they complete the 36 credits required for graduation. However, the benefit is not to exceed five (5) years from date of enrollment in their first course. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving the other 60 days notice.

Signed:



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