



## THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

### **Memorandum of Understanding Between The Catholic University of America (CUA) and Washington Research Library Consortium Libraries (WRLC)**

CUA seeks to admit full-time or equivalent employees of WRLC libraries to its School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) programs when they meet normal admission requirements. Participating libraries include libraries at American University, Gallaudet University, George Mason University, Georgetown University, and the University of the District of Columbia.

Year-round and at all locations, the tuition for qualified employees of participating libraries will be fifty (50) percent of CUA's full, on-campus graduate tuition. Participating libraries are strongly encouraged to pay the above tuition for their employees for the four required courses. Students will be responsible for paying the above tuition for the remaining eight courses plus normal fees for all courses (including the required courses and application fees) on any campus on which they take classes.

Applicants will apply directly to the university. Library Directors of participating libraries will verify their employees' continuous employment status for the School of Library and Information Science each semester before registration. Once admitted to the program at SLIS, employees have the benefit of the tuition reduction for the duration of their program of study as long as they maintain their employment with WRLC libraries.

Classes for the participating WRLC library employees will be a part of the regular schedule and offered at the CUA main campus in NE Washington, DC and at the CUA off-campus sites in the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia during the fall, spring and summer semesters.

Employees from participating libraries who are accepted into the SLIS will study as part-time students (3 or 6 credits per semester) in order to maintain a balance between work and graduate school.

The tuition agreement applies when students enroll in one of the programs offered at SLIS, including the Master of Science in Library Science program, the post-master certificate program, the Advanced Certificate in Library Leadership and Management program, and the Master of Science in Information Technology program, with a concentration in Health Information Technology.

WRLC participating libraries agree to be active in providing information about the CUA program to its employees and to give CUA/SLIS faculty and staff access to its employees on its premises for the purpose of recruiting. They will also assist their employees in finding additional scholarship assistance. CUA has the right to ask WRLC participating libraries for library classroom space if there is a particular course that would be best taught in that library.

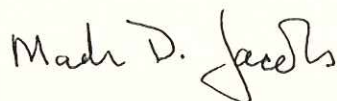
The term of this agreement is for three years and may be renewed if both parties agree. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving the other 60 days notice. If the agreement is not renewed, students already admitted will retain the benefit of reduced tuition until they complete the 36 credits required for graduation but not to exceed five years.

Signed:



James F. Brennan, Provost  
The Catholic University of America

Date: 13 IX 10



Mark Jacobs, Executive Director  
Washington Research Library Consortium

Date: 9/13/10