



## Lighting career pathways in data and information

As part of the OhioLINK Library Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative, the OhioLINK Luminaries Program is one avenue through which OhioLINK collaborates with its member libraries in making progress towards its mission. The Luminaries Program offers students a unique, paid opportunity in academic libraries not available in traditional internships or part-time campus employment.

As a resume-building position offering hands-on experience, the OhioLINK Luminaries students receive a broad introduction to the information studies profession—its purpose, value, and expertise. Students are paired with a mentor to gain valuable knowledge in the Libraries and Information Sciences field and develop marketable skills that are extendable to a variety of career disciplines. The program provides experiential learning, valuable training, and support within a professional and structured work environment, while also creating a network for current and former program participants.

The Luminaries Program exposes students to a wide range of work experiences based in the students' interests; creates a support system for students, mentors, and library administrators; and supports our library work environments becoming more inclusive.

Established by seven OhioLINK institutions in 2017, the Program expanded in academic year 2021-22 to include 10 students working at 9 institutions.

Read about [Ohio University Alden Library's first intern](#).

Meet [Miami University's](#) and [Cleveland State University's](#) students.

If your OhioLINK library is interested in learning more about participating in the Diversity Initiative, please contact [info@ohiolink.edu](mailto:info@ohiolink.edu) (link sends e-mail).

### **About OhioLINK: Connecting libraries, learning and discovery**

Established in 1992, the Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK) is Ohio's statewide academic library consortium serving 117 libraries, 88 institutions of higher education plus the State Library of Ohio, and more than 800,000 students. Delivering both IT infrastructure and content negotiation, OhioLINK provides students and faculty with access to digital research collections rivaling top university libraries in the United States and internationally—at a fraction of the cost. OhioLINK also connects library services, print and digital collections among its member institutions and manages collaborative services, including eTutoring, statewide Affordable Learning textbook initiatives and open educational resources. OhioLINK is a member of the Ohio Technology Consortium within the Ohio Department of Higher Education.