

## **About the OhioLINK Luminaries Program**

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. Established in 2017, 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.

Read about Ohio University Alden Library's first intern.

Meet <u>Miami University's</u>, <u>Cleveland State University's</u>, and <u>University of Cincinnati's</u> Luminaries students.

If your OhioLINK library is interested in learning more about participating in the Diversity Initiative, please contact <a href="mailto:info@ohiolink.edu">info@ohiolink.edu</a>.

## **About OhioLINK**

Established in 1992, the Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK) is Ohio's statewide academic library consortium. OhioLINK provides shared digital resources that support research, teaching, and learning through 117 libraries at 88 institutions of higher education and the State Library of Ohio. In addition, OhioLINK manages collaborative efforts aimed at reducing the cost of higher education for students. OhioLINK is a member of the <a href="Ohio Technology Consortium">Ohio Technology Consortium</a> (OH-TECH) within the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Learn more at <a href="OhioLINK.edu">OhioLINK.edu</a>.