

Becoming a Librarian: A Beginner's Guide to Academic Librarianship

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What is Academic Residency Program ?

"The post-degree work experience designed as an entry-level program for professionals who have recently received the M.L.S. degree from a program accredited by the American Library Association."

The Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)

Job Postings

- Program structure
- Eligibility/Qualifications
- Environment
- How to Apply

[The University of Delaware Library](#)
[The School of Library and Information Science, Pittsburg University](#)

Where to Find Such Programs?

- ALA Job Postings
- Library and Information Schools' Career Resources
- Academic Libraries' Employment Sites
- Conferences
- Networking

Is The Program Good or Not So Good?

- Pros:
 - Flexible
 - Invaluable experience
 - Opportunities to applying non-tenure/tenure-track positions in the current institute
- Cons:
 - Relocation
 - Salary

Pave Your Way to Success

- How can you make a difference?
 - Take opportunities and challenges
 - Define your specialty and make others aware of your value

Resources

- *Research Library Residency and Internship Programs – Readings and Resources*
<http://www.arl.org/careers/resources.html>
- *Guide to Employment Sources in the Library and Information Professions*
<http://www.ala.org/ala/hrdr/libraryempresources/2004employmentguide.htm>
- *Diversity in Libraries: Academic Residency Programs*, ed. Raquel V. Cogell and Cindy A. Gruwell. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2001. 208 p. (ISBN 0-313-30831-4)

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