



Library Association of Ireland
Cumann Leabharlann na hÉireann

ASSOCIATESHIP

of the Library Association of Ireland

Recognising Achievement, Promoting Professionalism

Continuing Professional Development in a
dynamic information environment

What is Associateship?

Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland (ALAI) is an internationally-recognised award that signifies both academic success and practical experience in library and information studies.

Who may apply for ALAI?

Application is open to any personal member of the Library Association of Ireland who:

- Has been a personal member for at least one year
- Is a personal member in good standing at the time of application
- Holds an academic qualification in Library and Information Studies which is recognised by the Library Association of Ireland
- Has at least two years relevant post-qualification experience

Why should I apply?

Advantages of Associateship include:

- Professional recognition of courses in Librarianship
- Enhanced Curriculum Vitae
- Evidence to current and future employers of recognition by peers
- Evidence of commitment to continuing professional development
- Evidence of personal and professional achievement
- Opportunity to be part of a network of active information professionals
- Promoting the importance of the LAI and its values
- Election to Register of Associates
- Inclusion as Associate in annual Professional Register
- Use of post-nominals ALAI
- Opportunity to apply for Fellowship at a later date

How do I apply?

Applying is a straightforward process.

Applicants should submit the following to
The Secretary, Education Committee: Professional Standards
Library Association of Ireland, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2
professionalstandards@libraryassociation.ie

- Completed Application Form
- Outline of Continuing Professional Development (not more than 500 words)
- Supporting relevant documentation
- Current fee (details available at www.libraryassociation.ie)

A mentoring scheme is available for those who wish to avail of it.

Details are available on the LAI website or contact Cpd@libraryassociation.ie

The Library Association of Ireland

The Library Association of Ireland is the professional association for librarians in Ireland and represents librarians working in all types of libraries and information environments. The Association aims:

“To promote the career development of persons engaged in library services and information provision, and to foster their professional and paraprofessional Interests and aspirations [and] to promote a high standard of education by evaluating and according recognition to degrees and courses as appropriate.”



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