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\$350,000 Grant Awarded to ACRL for Black Administrators Program

The Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, has been awarded \$350,000 by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to fund over a three-year period an Academic Library Internship Program for Administrators of Predominantly Black College and University Libraries.

The project is intended to accelerate the development of the management ability of librarians in black colleges and universities by providing them with experience in the administration of strong and progressive academic libraries. The interns will study library administrative methods, will exchange ideas and discuss their problems with staff members in the host institution, and will participate in the day-to-day management of the host library. The program is designed for librarians in black colleges who have potential as administrators, based upon experience and/or performance as a student in library school. Interns will be placed in selected academic libraries for three to nine months.

Since academic librarians perform a teaching and research role inasmuch as they instruct students formally and informally and advise and assist faculty in their scholarly pursuits, the project will provide support to the instructional programs of the institutions from which the interns are chosen and which serve over 60 percent of the black students enrolled in colleges in the United States.

Casper L. Jordan, associate professor in the School of Library Service at Atlanta University, is the project director. The members of the project's advisory committee are: Virginia Lacy Jones, School of Library Service, Atlanta University, chairman; Phyllis B. Cartwright, Florida International University libraries; Richard M. Dougherty, University of California libraries; James F. McCoy, Mercer County Community College library; Annette L. Phinazee, School of Library Science, North Carolina Central University; and David C. Weber, Stanford University libraries. Beverly P. Lynch, executive secretary of the Association of College and Research Libraries, is principal investigator. ■■

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