

Research Incentive Fund Report

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In February of 2012 I was awarded an InULA Grant in the amount of \$800. It was given to support my overseas travel and to do field work for my research on LIS education in Uzbekistan.

I used funds to travel to Uzbekistan in April of 2013 for the 7th International Conference, "Information and Library Resources for Science, Education, Culture and Business: Central Asia – 2013." This is the largest and most authoritative conference in Central Asia, held once every two years. I gave a presentation entitled "Islamic Studies and Library Information Services in the USA." The presentation was well received and drew attendees' interest.

In addition to the Conference participation I also did field research on library education in Uzbekistan. I met with the Chair of the Library Science Department at Tashkent University of Information Technologies and interviewed her. I also interviewed two MLS students and Professor Marat Rahmatullaev. Currently I am writing an article, which I am planning to submit to the *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*.

I am grateful to the Indiana University Librarians Association for supporting my research project and travel to the International conference.