

## Eligibility

The academy is open to all health information professionals, MLA members and nonmembers both, at any career stage from any country. To join the academy, you must be employed or seeking employment in a health information field and possess:

- » a master's degree from an American Library Association-accredited program
- » or a master's degree in any field with documentation of required coursework in the health information field

MLA member fees  
(for 5 years): \$135–\$200

Non-MLA member fees  
(for 5 years): \$325–\$450

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## Find Out More

For detailed membership requirements and application forms:

Visit MLANET [www.mlanet.org/page/academy](http://www.mlanet.org/page/academy) or contact MLA at [AHIP@mail.mlahq.org](mailto:AHIP@mail.mlahq.org); 312.419.9094 x11.



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MLA is a nonprofit, educational organization of health sciences information professional members worldwide. Founded in 1898, MLA provides lifelong educational opportunities, supports a knowledge-base of health information research, and works with a global network of partners to promote the importance of quality information for improved health to the health care community and the public.

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ACADEMY OF HEALTH INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

The Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) is the certification and career development program for medical librarians and other health information professionals.

### Membership in the academy:

- » shows employers and colleagues that you meet a standard of professional education, experience, and accomplishment
- » demonstrates your commitment to career development
- » gives you support in setting and reaching your career goals

## What Academy Members Say about the Benefits of Membership

- “[The academy] distinguishes me from other MLIS candidates in job searches [and] shows the physicians I work with that...I also have a credentialed continuing education program.”
- “Having my AHIP [membership] gave me the requirement I needed, above all the other candidates, for my current position, which is a job I love.”
- “I looked like a librarian bad-ass when my VP announced my [AHIP] acceptance in an all-staff meeting.”
- “I believe academy membership is required as a responsible member of our profession... Working towards a higher level keeps one on the right track, since it requires CEs, which in turn keeps one up to date and even on the cutting edge. It is a huge source of satisfaction!”
- “Academy membership has given me a compass for orienting my educational goals and professional participation.”
- “My [academy] mentor has provided me with more insight, practical skills, and knowledge by experience than any job task or manager at my place of employment.”
- “It’s really not that hard to get started, and it’s additional letters after your name! Who doesn’t love that?”

## The Results of a 2016 Academy Member Survey

**65%** of respondents reported that academy membership helped them advance in their careers.

**50%** reported that academy membership was required or recommended by an employer or supervisor.

**75%** said their employers are aware of the academy, and **52%** said that it was required or recommended for a position they’ve held or applied for, or for a raise they sought or attained.

**75%** agreed that academy membership helped them plan their careers.

**95%** agreed that their membership showed their commitment to the profession and their professional accomplishments and skills to peers and others.

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Salary survey results from 2008 and 2012 document **16%–18%** higher average salaries for academy members.