

EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIANSHIP (EIL)

Nature of the Program – EIL

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship recognizes consistently superior professional achievement in the field of librarianship.

Selection Criteria – EIL

Nominees for the award must have demonstrated **extraordinary** performance in the following areas:

Skill in Librarianship – There must be positive evidence that the candidate performs superbly in fulfilling his or her librarianship duties. Consideration should be given to the candidate's ability to perform this function in a creative and innovative fashion that is of outstanding quality.

Service to the University and to the Profession – In providing librarianship services, the candidate must be generous with personal time and easily accessible. The individual must be flexible and adapt readily to the needs of the library, the institution and the constituents served.

Scholarship and Continuing Professional Growth – The candidate must keep abreast of developments in the field and use relevant contemporary data in relation to that person's work situation. Evidence in this category should include references to publications, membership and work in professional organizations, attendance at meetings, seminars, etc.

Eligibility Criteria – EIL

Academic Background – Candidates must hold full-time appointment as a faculty librarian and **must** possess a Master of Library Science (MLS) or equivalent (e.g., MLIS).

Academic Rank – Candidates may hold any academic rank (as defined in the SUNY Board of Trustees policies: individuals having the titles of librarian, associate librarian, senior assistant librarian and assistant librarian).¹

Length of Service – Candidates must have completed at least three academic years in full-time appointment out of the five years as a professional librarian at the nominating campus immediately prior to the year of nomination.

Restrictions – Individuals serving as head of the campus library – or of all the libraries for institutions with multiple libraries – are also ineligible for nomination. (However, the head of the library may be eligible for the Excellence in Professional Service Award if this individual satisfies the other selection and eligibility criteria for that award.) Individuals holding qualified academic appointment (as defined in the SUNY Board

³ *The State University of New York Policies of the Board of Trustees – 2009 – Article II - §1 (j)*

of Trustees policies: individuals having the titles of academic rank preceded by the designations “visiting” or other similar designations) may not be nominated.²

² *The State University of New York Policies of the Board of Trustees – 2009 Article II, § 1(k)*