

Maureen Woods Education Bursary

SLA congratulates Oksana Moshynska, recipient of the Maureen Woods Education Bursary. Oksana describes receiving this support as career pivoting as she is changing gears to the fast-evolving library and information science field. Oksana is bringing into the field several decades of experience and education in health sciences and research administration and management. She completed her doctoral degree in biological sciences in Ukraine and is an alumni of the University of Saskatchewan where she completed her post-doctoral fellowship in molecular pathology and genetics. Oksana worked at the University of Saskatchewan first as a researcher and later as a grants specialist and research program advisor. Oksana calls Saskatoon home where she has studied and worked for more than twenty years. She also likes to spend time in the rural Saskatchewan area near Moose Jaw.

Oksana has a long volunteer history serving on multiple boards and committees including as a manager of the Swim Saskatchewan Team at the Jeux du Canada Games and Western Canada Summer Games, research grant review committee member with the Royal University Hospital Foundation, genetics and medical committee and brachycephalic breeds advocacy committee with the Canadian Kennel Club, and the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Anti-Racism (DEIA-AR) working group with the Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California (USC), to name a few.

Oksana is currently working on her Master of Management in Library and Information Science (MMLIS) degree through the USC Marshall School of Business. She has a broad spectrum of interests in the field including advocacy work, Indigenization and decolonization, policy development, digital information equality, open access, research data management, user experiences, library marketing and research. Oksana's dream is to be able to contribute in the areas where all libraries, provincial, academic, special and public, work together on common goals and initiatives. Oksana is honoured and excited to apply her acquired knowledge for the betterment of library and information services for the people of Saskatchewan.

Best wishes, Oksana!