

## **GSLIS Strategic Plan (Approved 12/2016)**

### **Mission Statement**

The Graduate School of Library and Information Studies educates future leaders in the global information world through innovative teaching, research, and service, in accordance with the University of Rhode Island's mission and that of the Harrington School of Communication and Media. GSLIS prepares knowledgeable, ethical, and engaged library and information professionals to serve the information needs of diverse communities.

### **Vision Statement**

Our vision at the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies is to be a nationally and globally recognized Library and Information Studies school by preparing students to serve and transform their communities; by being forward thinking and deeply connected to the local, regional, national, and global library and information communities; and by fostering a community of scholars and professionals who engage in innovative teaching and research.

### **Goal I: Planning and Assessment**

Support the school's mission and vision through a continuous and systematic cycle of planning, assessment, and improvement that includes regular input from students, alumni, library and information professionals, and other stakeholders.

### **Goal II: Curriculum**

Prepare graduates with the knowledge, skills, and professional values to assume active leadership roles in the library and information professions and serve the information needs of diverse user communities.

### **Goal III: Faculty**

Recruit, develop, and retain a diverse faculty and support faculty for excellence in teaching, research, and service.

### **Goal IV: Students**

Recruit, educate, and retain a diverse community of highly motivated and academically qualified students, foster a culture of mutual respect and collaboration, and promote student socialization into the field.

### **Goal V: Administration, Finances, and Resources**

Continue as a distinct academic unit led by a Director with sustained access to sufficient financial, physical, and technological resources.