

Philippine Association of Academic/Research Libraries

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PAARL AWARD and SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL) sponsors Award and Scholarship programs to promote academic and research librarianship, specifically: a) to assist an academic or research librarian to acquire a master's degree in the field of library science or information studies; b) to foster the professional growth of academic/research librarians; and c) to give recognition for special achievements. These programs are as follows:

The Marina G. Dayrit Award (formerly the Mary Polk Memorial Award)

- Purpose:** This scholarship honors the life and accomplishments of Mary Polk, the first librarian of the University of the Philippines who started the first formal library science training program in the same university. Its purpose is to encourage an academic or research librarian to acquire a master's degree in library science or information studies.
- Donor:** Originally sponsored by the founding President, Ms. Marina G. Dayrit, in honor of Mary Polk, now funded by PAARL Scholarship Fund
- Nature of Grant:** Consists of reimbursement for payment for tuition fees for not less than nine units every semester until she/he completes the academic requirements for the master's degree.
- Eligibility:** Applicant must be a librarian employed in a college or university library, or a research institution, and must have had at least five (5) years of experience as an academic or research librarian. In addition, she/he must be a PAARL member for at least five years.
- Criteria:** Applicant must show his/her need for a scholarship grant in his/her pursuit of a master's degree. Applicant must be admitted by a school offering a master's program in library science or information studies.
- Requirements:** Applicant must submit the following requirements to the Awards and Scholarship Committee:
- a) Letter describing how applicant meets the criteria and eligibility requirements, accompanied by an endorsement from his/her library administrator.
 - b) Curriculum Vitae (with recent photo)
 - c) Certificate of Employment
 - d) Copy of latest Income Tax Return
 - e) Copy of the tuition fee as certified by the school's finance officer
- Deadline:** February and August of any school year

Master's Thesis Fellowships

- Purpose:** To foster research in academic librarianship by assisting two (2) graduate students in library science or information studies with their master's theses.
- Donor:** PAARL Scholarship Fund
- Nature of Grant:** Cash award of P 10,000.00 per thesis student to be given in two (2) installments (50% upon approval of application, and remaining 50% upon submission of the thesis)
- Eligibility:** Applicant must meet the following qualifications:
- Completion of all academic requirements for the master's program
 - Approved thesis proposal
 - PAARL membership for the last three years
 - Not a recipient of a similar thesis assistance or grant from any other organization or institution
- Criteria:** The proposal will be judged primarily on merit with emphasis on:
- Potential significance of the research in the field of academic librarianship
 - Originality and creativity
 - Validity of the methodology and proposed methods of analysis
 - Clarity and completeness of the proposal
 - Presentation of a convincing plan for completion of the thesis within a reasonable amount of time
- Requirements:** Applicant must submit the following requirements to the Awards and Scholarship Committee:
- Letter of application, accompanied by a research proposal describing the research work to be undertaken, including its significance and the proposed methodology to be used
 - Schedule for completion
 - Budget and budget justification for items for which support is sought (such as printing and binding, statistical consulting, typing or computer time, transportation, supplies, and similar expenses)
 - Letter from the adviser endorsing the proposal
 - Curriculum Vitae (with recent photo)
 - Copy of the thesis after completion and approval
- Deadline:** February and August of any school year

Sponsorship Awards to attend Local/International Seminars or Conferences

- Purpose:** To foster professional growth by enabling at least two PAARL regular members each year to attend local or international seminars or conferences.
- Donor:** PAARL Scholarship Fund/Private Sponsor
- Nature of Grant:** PAARL or Donor may grant complimentary registration to any locally-sponsored seminar or conference, or in the case of attendance in an international conference, grant the maximum amount of PhP 15,000.00 to cover transportation cost or registration fee.
- Eligibility:** Nominee must meet the following qualifications:
- a) PAARL membership for the last five (5) years
 - b) Permanent employment in an academic or research library
 - c) Not a recipient of a previous PAARL award
- Requirements:** Awardee must render a report and/or conduct an echo seminar upon his/her return from said seminar or conference
- Selection Process:** Any member of the Board may nominate or receive nominations for screening of the Awards and Scholarship Committee, which in turn submits a list of qualified nominees for approval of the Board of Directors.

Academic Librarian of the Year Award

- Purpose:** To recognize librarians for their outstanding national contribution to academic or research librarianship and library development in the Philippines. Three awards may be given each year, one for an outstanding academic/research librarian from Luzon, another for Visayas, and for Mindanao.
- Donor:** PAARL Scholarship Fund
- Nature of Grant:** Plaque of Recognition and cash gift amounting to P 5,000.00 for each awardee to be awarded during the annual General Assembly
- Criteria:** Nominee should have demonstrated achievements in the following areas:
- a) Planning and implementing an innovative or a high-impact library program for an academic/research library
 - b) Significant and influential research on academic or research library service
 - c) Service to the organized profession through PAARL and other related organizations

Selection Process: Nominations should be addressed to the Awards and Scholarship Committee which conducts the search and screening process, and submits a final list of nominees for the Board's approval.

Deadline: October 31 for submission of nominees; November 30 for submission to the Board of Directors

Outstanding Academic/Research Library of the Year Award

Purpose: To recognize an academic or research library for its outstanding national contribution to academic or research librarianship and library development in the Philippines.

Donor: PAARL Scholarship Fund / other private sponsor

Nature of Grant: Plaque of Recognition and cash gift amounting to Php10,000.00 given to the institution to be awarded during the annual General Assembly.

Criteria: Nominee should have the following qualifications:

- exemplary contribution to academic and research librarianship
- outstanding leadership in national/regional library development in the areas of library management, education and training, information and documentation services, etc.
- commitment to information networking and linkages
- commitment to PAARL's objectives as demonstrated by its continued support and cooperation in PAARL's activities and undertakings
- Service to the organized profession through PLAI and/or other related organizations

Selection Process: Nominations should be addressed to the Awards and Scholarship Committee which conducts the search and screening process, and submits a final list of nominees for the Board's approval.

Deadline: October 31 for submission of nominees; November 30 for submission to the Board of Directors

Outstanding Library Program of the Year Award

- Purpose:** The award is given to an academic or research library in recognition of its outstanding library program that contributes to Philippine academic librarianship and library development in the Philippines.
- Donor:** PAARL Scholarship Fund /other private sponsor
- Nature of Grant:** Plaque of Recognition and a cash gift amounting to Php10,000.00 given to the institution to be awarded during the annual General Assembly.
- Criteria:** The library program must have a strong impact on the library community, be innovative, sustainable and may be replicated to other library communities, or institutions
- Selection Process:** Nominations should be addressed to the Awards and Scholarship Committee which conducts the search and screening process, and submits a final list of nominees for the Board's approval.
- Deadline:** October 31 for submission of nominees; November 30 for submission to the Board of Directors

Lifetime Achievement Award

- Purpose:** The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest recognition given to an academic/research librarian as a hallmark of professional excellence.
- Donor:** PAARL Scholarship Fund
- Nature of Grant:** Plaque of Recognition and a token/gift amounting to Php10,000.00 to be awarded during the annual General Assembly
- Criteria:** The awardee/s should possess the ff:
- Consistent recognition for service as an outstanding academic or research librarian
 - demonstrated remarkable leadership in service to the association, in various capacities as President, officer, board member, or speaker/resource person in various PAARL seminars, conferences, and fora.
 - distinguished lifetime professional career dedicated to the cause of Philippine academic librarianship for at least 30 years before retirement
- Selection Process:** Nominations should be addressed to the Awards and Scholarship Committee which conducts the search and screening process, and submits a final list of nominees for the Board's approval.
- Deadline:** October 31 for submission of nominees; November 30 for submission to the Board of Directors

Professional Service Award

- Purpose:** To recognize the distinguished service of the immediate past president to PAARL and his/her contribution to academic or research librarianship or library development in the Philippines.
- Donor:** PAARL Scholarship Fund
- Nature of Grant:** Plaque of Recognition and a token/gift amounting to Php5,000.00 to be awarded during the annual General Assembly.

Best Research Award

- Purpose:** This is given to three professional librarians to recognize their research capabilities and his/her contribution to academic librarianship and or professional development.
- Donor:** PAARL Scholarship Fund
- Nature of Grant:** Plaque of Recognition and a token/gift amounting to Php 10,000 for the first prize; and Php5,000.00 each for the second and third prizes, to be awarded during the annual General Assembly.
- Criteria:**
1. Potential contribution of the research study (significance and relevance)
 2. Innovation and originality (i.e. it shows high levels of creativity, fresh thinking and innovation in approach)
 3. Overall impact (it shows actual or potential impact)
 4. Special considerations:
 - a) it takes into account the extent to which the research is useful in the promotion of the profession;
 - b) it deals with problems facing the profession, locally/worldwide
- Deadline:** November 30 final notification of the winner

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