LISSA is the official student chapter of the American Library Association, the American Society for Information Science and Technology, and the Special Library Association at the University of South Carolina. LISSA is committed to providing its members with opportunities for professional growth. The organization commits annual funds to assisting students in covering costs that are required to attend professional conferences. Persons interested in receiving financial assistance from LISSA for conferences should submit a request to any LISSA officer by May 1st for conferences held July 1st - Dec 31st and Dec 1st for conferences held Jan 1st – June 30th. Students are encouraged to submit applications throughout the year however; priority will be given to applications that are completely submitted before the deadline.

Granting of funds is based on:

- LISSA membership
  - LISSA member given priority
- Current enrollment
  - Student in last semester of program given priority
- Type of conference (i.e. national vs. state)
  - ALA, ASIST, and SLA conferences given priority
- Student’s role in conference (i.e. presenting vs. attending only)
  - Presenters given priority
- Previous conference funding received from LISSA
  - First-time recipients given priority

Any student whose application is approved and receives funds from LISSA is expected to:

- Submit receipts at end of conference confirming attendance
- Share their experience with LISSA by writing an article for the newsletter or speaking at a LISSA meeting

NOTE: LISSA aims to assist as many students as possible; therefore an applicant may not receive the entire amount requested. When creating your budget, be sure to precisely explain what activities funding will be used for (i.e. traveling, conference registration, etc.). Grant amounts will be flat rates depending on the distance from the student’s home to the conference city. In addition, students traveling in groups may affect amount of requested funding received.