The Department of Library Science (LS) has two graduate programs that are well respected throughout the state of North Carolina. By offering additional graduate fellowships/scholarships with an attractive stipend, we can expand our student body and conduct a national search for prospective, top-notch graduate students. This will improve the reputation of both programs throughout North Carolina and the nation. Expanding an international student exchange program and securing endowed professorships also will enhance the reputation of both of our programs. Our proposed continuing education and in-service support initiatives will give our current students, alumni, and other related professionals the opportunity to expand their knowledge of our two disciplines. Our proposed programs and strategic initiatives will build up current faculty members’ expertise and apply this knowledge to practical settings such as schools, libraries, and other work settings.
SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT SUPPORT
• Graduate fellowships
• International student exchange program
• Graduate student assistantships
• Travel for students to attend conferences and make presentations

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS AND FACULTY RESEARCH
• Endowed professorships in all program areas
• Faculty reassigned time for research and refereed presentations

OUTREACH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
• Continuing education and in-service support for professionals in all program areas

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS
• Center for Usability Studies in Instructional and Interactive Media
• Center for Rural Librarianship
• Interactive classrooms
• Establish a mobile technology lab to support training, outreach, and recruitment

LSIT FACTS  U.S. News & World Report named ECU’s College of Education library science program in the nation’s Top 10. The department also received the 2008 North Carolina Distance Learning Association Excellence in Distance Learning Teaching Award.

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