

# COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

## RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

### AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA-CoA) COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION

In accordance with the [2021 CHEA Standards and Procedures for Recognition](#), Procedures-B.11, this summary provides the reason(s) for the recognition decision by the CHEA Board of Directors.

#### **Profile of Accrediting Organization**

Type of Accreditor: Programmatic

Number of Programs: 64

#### **Current CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation**

*Accredits master's programs in library and information studies offered under the degree-granting authority of institutions in the United States, its territories, possessions, and protectorates; in Canada by agreement with the Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB); and in the United Kingdom. (2019)*

#### **CHEA Recognition Information**

History: Recognized by CHEA in May 2001

#### **Most Recent Recognition Action**

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, April 29-30, 2013

Decision: Recognition for up to ten years

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation (ALA-CoA). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 4-8).

ALA-CoA demonstrated that it meets these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

The CHEA recognition policy requires that an accrediting organization undergo a recognition review at least every 10 years and submit two interim reports.

#### **Prior Actions on ALA-CoA's Application for Recognition**

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, September 24-25, 2012: The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation (ALA-CoA). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (2006 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

The Board of Directors deferred recognition in order to obtain additional information regarding ALA-CoA's accreditation standards or policies that require institutions or programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (Paragraph 12(B)(1), 2006 CHEA Policy and Procedures).

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 23, 2012: The Board of Directors deferred recognition in order to obtain additional information regarding ALA-CoA's accreditation standards or policies that require institutions or programs routinely to provide reliable information to the public on their performance, including student achievement as determined by the institution or program (*Paragraph 12(B)(1), 2006 CHEA Policy and Procedures*).