Commonwealth Funds

Each year, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania distributes scholarship funds to institutions of higher education within the state. These funds are to be utilized to recruit and retain students from under-represented populations. The iSchool uses these discretionary funds to support – through tuition remission and stipends – a number of undergraduate and graduate students as they embark on a program of study within the School. The funds are also directed towards sustaining and improving School-wide efforts to recruit diverse students, particularly for the more technical programs within our School.

In 2008, Commonwealth Funds for Disadvantaged Students were used to support

- two undergraduate Information Science majors;
- two Master of Library and Information Science students;
- one student in the Master of Science in Telecommunications program.

In 2007, Commonwealth Funds for Disadvantaged Students were used to support

- one student in the Master of Science in Information Science program
- three students for the Master of Library and Information Science program
- one PhD candidate for the Library and Information Science program.

The funds are distributed at the discretion of the faculty and staff at the iSchool. However, students may indicate on their admissions application if such a funding opportunity would be appropriate for them.