

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Digital Scholarship Centers: Trends and Good Practice

**A CNI Workshop
St. Louis, MO
April 2, 2014
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

The Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) is hosting an invitational workshop for individuals representing digital scholarship centers in colleges and universities.

The purpose of this workshop is to explore the varying models of supporting digital scholarship in higher education, focusing on those that involve partnerships with, or a strong role for, libraries and information technology units. We are seeking participation from centers that serve a broad campus community by providing hardware, software, consultation, workshops and training, other services, and physical and virtual spaces for high-end digital projects. Examples of the types of centers that we will focus on are described in a session at the Fall 2013 CNI Membership meeting at <http://www.cni.org/topics/digital-humanities/f13-lippincott-trends/>

CNI seeks to assist our community in understanding good practices and trends in digital scholarship centers. We will explore the types of projects and users being served by the centers, the collaborations being developed between and among stakeholders, the range of technologies provided, the services offered, the kinds of staff available, and the facilities that have been developed. Participants will share their funding models, the barriers they have encountered in developing their center, and opportunities they see for the future.

Some of the questions that we will address in the workshop include:

- What have been effective mechanisms to start a digital scholarship center?
- How have genuine partnerships with faculty been achieved?
- What have been some notable successes?
- What are the biggest challenges or roadblocks?
- What assessment has been implemented?
- What strategies are being developed for institutionalizing and sustaining the center?

In order to have a productive discussion, the size of the workshop is limited. We will select participants to represent a range of scholarship center models, different types of higher education institutions (e.g. research universities, liberal arts colleges), and participants with a variety of roles, including library or information technology senior leadership, heads of digital scholarship centers, faculty closely affiliated with centers, and graduate students who have fellowships in or other ties to centers. Institutions may propose one or two individuals to attend the workshop; if proposing two individuals, they should have different roles in the center (e.g. graduate student, librarian). **Institutions**

applying to attend should have an operational center, not one in the planning stages.

Prospective participants should complete the online application form by **January 31**, available at <http://goo.gl/v8XjMA>

Questions can be addressed to CNI Associate Director Joan Lippincott (joan@cni.org).

All attendees will participate in a facilitated discussion and some may be asked to give brief presentations on their program(s). The information provided by participants will become part of the public conference report.

CNI will provide conference facilities, refreshments, and lunch; travel and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participants. Additional logistical information will be provided as we accept participants.

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