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Call for Applications: Institute for Research Design in Librarianship (IRDL) Summer Workshop

"**IRDL not only set me on the path to producing and properly documenting original research, but it set me up with a network of like-minded librarians who will help me achieve my goals.**" — 2014 IRDL Scholar

Call for applications for the IRDL 2015. The second summer workshop will be held on July 13-23, 2015, with arrival on campus on Sunday, July 12, and departure on Friday, July 24.

We are seeking novice librarian researchers who are employed by academic libraries or research libraries outside an academic setting in the United States to participate in the Institute. Novice researchers typically may have conducted research but have not yet had a peer-reviewed article published as the primary author or had an individual presentation accepted by a peer-reviewed conference. We define "novice" broadly; if you feel that you would benefit from being guided throughout the entire research design process, we encourage your application. Librarians of all levels of professional experience are welcome to apply for the scholarship which includes, instruction in research design and a full year of peer/mentor support to complete a research project at their home institutions; the learning experience, travel to and from Los Angeles, CA, accommodations, and food will be supplied to Scholars free of charge.

We seek librarians with a passion for research and a desire to improve their research skills. IRDL is designed to bring together all that the literature tells us about the necessary conditions for librarians to conduct valid and reliable research in an institutional setting. The cohort will be chosen from a selective submission process, with an emphasis on enthusiasm for research and diversity from a variety of perspectives, including ethnicity and type and size of library.

The Advisory Board, comprised of librarians with research experience in a variety of settings, will use an open review process to select participants who will travel to Los Angeles, California, participate in all Institute activities, and conduct a research project during the 2015-2016 academic year. The online application requires a proposed research project that will be revised at the workshop and will be the basis for the study to be completed in the coming year.

Selection criteria:

- Commitment to the year-long process of communicating with other

participants and conducting the
proposed study;

- significance of the research problem to
the operational success of the
applicant's library or to the profession
of librarianship;
- thoughtfulness, thoroughness, and
clarity of the research proposal;
- enthusiasm for research and a desire to
learn.

We will be accepting applications from
December 1, 2014 to February 1, 2015.

Scholars accepted to the Institute will be
notified in mid-April, 2015.

Please contact Project Directors with any
questions about the Institute or the application
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Consortium (SCELC), please see the project
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