2015 E-Research Network

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the DLF E-Research Network?

Launched in 2014, the DLF E-Research Network is a budding community of practice focused on sharing resources for implementing research data management services and on developing skills and collaboration. The goal of the network experience is to encourage a self-reliant, mutually supportive community engaged in continuous learning about e-research and research data management support.

As E-Research Network members, institutional teams are given formal and informal opportunities for networking, resource sharing, and collaboration supported by CLIR/DLF's organizational resources, as well as access to structured curricula, webinars, and personalized consultations. Through in-person meetings and learning activities, we hope to continue building an active and growing community of practice.

What is the purpose of the DLF E-Research Network?

The E-Research Network is designed to be an interactive cohort building process focused on how institutions can develop a library services around E-Research and Research Data Management Services. It also is intended to be a community-building process, where participants learn not only from Network facilitators, but also other participants.

What is the structure of the DLF E-Research Network?

Between April and October, E-Research Network members connect at an in-person kick-off event and work to identify individual learning objectives and outcomes. Group members participate in customized curricula and a series of regularly scheduled webinars, and are also offered consultations tailored to a specific institutional need. Webcasts and curricula will be focused on e-research and research data management services in libraries.

A second in-person meeting takes place as the culminating group event, giving members the opportunity to share learning experiences and build collaborative partnerships moving forward.

E-Research Network participants are engaged as community members throughout the learning experience and maintain contact as new annual cohorts are formed. CLIR/DLF continues to support the community of practice that emerges as a result of the group.

Members of previous cohorts, alongside CLIR/DLF postdoctoral fellows in data curation, facilitate the group experience while working with participants to assess each institution's service layers, and identify next steps about planning and implementing research data management services.

What type of consultation will be offered?

Consultations are provided to each institution by the E-Research faculty and CLIR/DLF postdoctoral fellows in Data Curation. The level of each customized consultation is dependent on which areas of e-research/ research data management your institution identifies.

Who are the Network facilitators?

In addition to CLIR/DLF staff, an array of administrators and practitioners, all experts on various aspects of e-research and research data management issues, have been assembled as facilitators for the Network.

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What institutions participated in the 2014 E-Research Network?

The 2014 cohort consists of the following institutions:

Colgate University
Montana State University
Northwestern University
University of Arizona

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Manitoba
University of Rochester
University of Toronto

This group continues to be active since the last in-person meeting in October 2014. As a result of participating in the Network, several members of this cohort have gone on to collaborate on various research topics and projects.

Who should be a part of the DLF E-Research Network (who from my institution should attend)?

The DLF E-Research Network was designed to help members of academic and research libraries develop strategies for creating and implementing e-research and research data management support services through means of a peer driven shared learning experience and through collaborative efforts. Past participants have come from a colleges and universities of varying size.

To get the most of the E-Research Network experience, institutional teams of three (3) are encouraged to join. Ideally, an institutional team would be comprised of, but not limited to, the following participants:

▸ Library Administrator
An individual in this role is critical to the success of the institutional team. As a key decision maker, the administrator understands the local institutional landscape, management structure, and culture. This person also sets priorities for e-research and research data management and can help make key connections for the team, including institutional buy-in from top library management.

▸ Data or E-Research / E-Science Librarian
A librarian in this role will bring subject and technical expertise to the group.

▸ Non-Library Participant
This person will bring perspective from beyond the main library, allowing the group to explore opportunities for collaboration with other campus entities. (Example: research faculty or center director, CIO/IT department director, research computing director.)

Critical to the design of the E-Research Network is the inclusion of key players and decision makers on each institution's team in order to maximize the benefit and ultimately, the usefulness of the team's learning objectives and outcomes, and the overall networking experience.

Participants are encouraged to continue engagement with the community and to maintain regular meetings and contact after the annual cohort ends. With continued interest and engagement from participants, CLIR/DLF will support the community of practice that continues to emerge as a result of the networking group.

If only one person from my institution is going to participate in the Network can we get a discount on the cost?

A critical component in the Network's design is the inclusion of key players and decision makers on each institution's team in order to maximize the benefit of being a Network member. We highly recommend that each institution have a three-member team, one from each of the recommended categories described above.

While institutional teams don't necessarily have to be comprised of the three specific roles described above, not having a team in place would put an individual participant at a disadvantage. Not all three team members have to be at every in-person meeting, webinar, etc., but a team should be in place on site to help facilitate the work being done.

Here is what some of the 2014 members said about the team approach:

"It was helpful to have three of us from my institution participate. Especially helpful if you're trying to get more people involved/higher level of buy-in."

"The institutional model helped us take a team approach to the work/discussions."

How will I stay informed about the Network?

Communication for Network participants is disseminated through CLIR's content management system, CLIR Connect. Within CLIR Connect is community space dedicated to the DLF E-Research Network. Each of the three participants from your institution will receive a CLIR Connect login identification once registered. After logging in for the first time we highly recommend you go to "My Profile" (top center of the CLIR Connect screen) and set up your "My Subscriptions" to be for "real time" delivery instead of a daily digest. Both a Google group and LinkedIn page were created in 2014 and are used for communication. Institutions that join the 2015 DLF E-Research Network will be invited to join these additional communication channels upon registration.

How do I access the Network CLIR Connect community?

Three team members formally designated by your institution will be automatically added as participants to the DLF E-Research CLIR Connect community. You will receive an email confirming that you've been invited to the Network with a link that will take you to the site. If you have never accessed CLIR Connect before you will be directed through a process to create a profile and your own password. You should also be sure to set up your email subscriptions by going to "My Profile" (top center of the CLIR Connect screen) selecting "My Subscriptions" to be for "real time" delivery instead of a daily digest.

How many people can be registered to the Network's CLIR Connect site from one institution?

Three. Institutions are not limited in the number of people on a local team or who can participate in the webinars, only to the number of people who can have access to the Institute website and attend the in-person meetings.

Can information on the Network's CLIR Connect site be shared with others on the local team who are not subscribed?

Yes.

Who is responsible for communicating with local team members?

While all three registered team members from your institution will receive communications through CLIR Connect through the site's email feature, each team should designate a team lead who is responsible for ensuring any relevant communications are shared with anyone else involved in the initiative at your institution who is not registered on the CLIR Connect site.

What if I forget my CLIR Connect password or don't set one up immediately?

From the CLIR Connect site and click on "Forgot Password" feature and it will guide you through the process of getting access. If you have continued problems accessing CLIR Connect, please contact Rita Van Duinen (rvanduinen@clir.org).

Whom do I contact if I have questions or need help?

We encourage you to use the DLF E-Research Network discussion forum on CLIR Connect as much as possible, as it is likely that if you have a questions or issues you'd like to discuss with other members. Questions posted to the forum will be answered as quickly as possible. If you have questions about your CLIR Connect account or other questions regarding the E-Research Network, please contact Rita Van Duinen (rvanduinen@clir.org).

Can more than our three officially designated team members participate in the webinars?

Yes. Network members are encouraged to make the webinars and other learning resources available to others in your library and on your campus. Attendance at the in-person meetings is the only part of the Network experience that is limited to the three (3) officially designated team members.

When and where will the in-person meetings take place?

The first in-person meeting will take place on April 21 in Minneapolis at a kick-off event (preceding the RDAP Summit*) where members can connect and work to identify individual learning objectives and outcomes. The second in-person meeting is the culminating event for the 2015 cohort and will take place on October 25th in Vancouver (preceding the DLF Forum), giving network members the opportunity to share learning experiences and build collaborative partnerships moving forward.

Tentative collocation for the first in-person meeting. Details forthcoming.

Where can I get more information about the in-person meetings?

More information about the each of the in-person meetings will be distributed to the three registered participants from your institution as soon as details are finalized. Once registered for the Network, team members will have access to the CLIR Connect site and any preparatory materials needed for these events.

If I miss a webinar, will the recording and slides be made available to course participants?

Yes, all the course webinars and supplemental webinars and the corresponding slides will be made available to all registered participants, generally within a few days of the event. Once recordings are available an email message will be sent to all participants through the CLIR Connect site.

What is the webinar schedule?

Webinars will take place approximately every 5 weeks beginning in May and ending in early October. Curriculum development is currently underway. Once finalized, a complete schedule of webinar dates and times, along with topics, will be listed at http://www.diglib.org/groups/e-research-network/

Will future cohorts of the Network be offered?

DLF plans to offer a new cohort of the E-Research Network on an annual basis if there is enough interest. For information on future course offerings, please contact us.