

“Cultivating Digital Librarianship Faculty” (CDLF) Application

Application Process

The CDLF application process consists of three steps:

1. application to either Drexel or Texas iSchools (please contact the individual schools for their application procedures);
2. application to the CDLF program (to be emailed to Lynn Westbrook at address below); and
3. an in-person or phone interview with CDLF faculty.

Only applicants who successfully complete the School admission process will be considered for the CDLF program. Selected applicants may be interviewed concurrently with the review of their School application.

Important Dates

December 15, 2008:	Deadline for submission of CDLF application form
December 19, 2008:	Confirmation of receipt of application
Mid-Jan. - late March 2009:	Interviews
April 30, 2009:	Notification of final outcomes

Application Questions

The CDLF program seeks applicants with an unwavering commitment to completing a full-time, residential, research-centered doctoral program involving key questions in digital librarianship. The CDLF faculty are particularly interested in recruiting applicants who are interested in partnering with faculty, students, and practitioners on high-quality publications, scholarly presentations, and grant applications as part of their own preparation for seeking leadership positions. These questions are designed to provide you with an opportunity to highlight your qualifications for this program.

Please address these five questions using a total of no more than 1200 words. Focus on outlining your academic and personal qualifications for the CDLF program. Concise but substantive answers will help us to see your potential for the program.

1. Every aspect of digital librarianship is, and will be, in flux and development. The definition, impact, nature, value, and purpose of these evolving information entities will continue to change for some time. What aspects of digital librarianship particularly interest you? Help us understand what you find most engaging in their study.
2. The PhD is a research degree requiring publications, presentations, and grant-seeking. What experiences and/or values make these kinds of research activities important to you?
3. After looking at the web sites of all four CDLF faculty members, identify the member(s) with whom you are most interested in working, and prioritize your choices. What would you bring to the research agendas of your chosen faculty member(s)? How do you see your educational goals, research interests, and professional aspirations meshing with the work of those individuals?
4. What strengths, experiences, skills, and knowledge do you bring to this collaborative, four-year, in-depth program of examining digital librarianship?
5. What most engages you about this program? What makes this program the best fit for you?

If there is anything else about yourself that you'd like to be sure that we know, please feel free to add that. You are welcome to attach a CV or resume.

Name: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email address(es): _____

Postal address: _____

**Please complete and return this form as an email attachment to Lynn Westbrook
[lynnwest@ischool.utexas.edu]. Any questions? Please phone Lynn at 512/232-7831.**