Call for Nominations to CARL OER Working Group

The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) is the national voice of Canada's twenty-nine largest university libraries and two federal institutions. A bilingual not-for-profit organization, CARL coordinates national initiatives across its member institutions and promotes their causes to achieve excellence in research and higher education.

CARL considers OER leadership an important area for capacity building within academic and research libraries, and is developing a program of activities designed to bolster this area of practice. CARL is therefore inviting nominations for its new OER Working Group, which is expected to begin its work in March 2019.

Reporting to CARL's Advancing Research Committee (ARC), the OER Working Group will provide input and advice to guide CARL's OER initiatives. Responsibilities of this group will include but not be limited to:

- development of communication strategy, timeline and components,
- review of materials put forth by the Visiting Program Officer for OER and any subset of this working group,
- development of processes and selection criteria, seeking out and selecting facilitators and participants, content development and programme delivery for an OER Leadership Bootcamp (and potentially other activities),
- initial programme delivery of one-day event for academic librarians, to be offered regionally (to be developed in collaboration with Bootcamp graduates), and
- liaison with CARL's Advancing Research Committee.

We are planning for a maximum of 12 people with expertise in OER drawn from across the academic librarian community. The selection process will endeavour to achieve regional representation, as well as diversity of related experience and expertise. Ability to understand both French and English will be deemed an asset. The working group will be chaired by a member of CARL's Advancing Research Committee.

The deadline to submit nominations/expressions of interest is Friday, January 18, 2019.

Nomination/application emails should be sent to Lise Brin, Program Officer at CARL, lise.brin@carl-abrc.ca. These should detail prior experience and expertise with OER and why this working group interests you, while also clearly expressing how your perspective would benefit CARL's OER program. Please attach a letter of endorsement from your library director along with your expression of interest.