

CARL Advancing Research Committee – Terms of Reference

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Introduction

A research library is an enabler and partner in the research enterprise of the university. CARL's Strategic Directions 2019-2022 state that:

Canada's research libraries play pivotal roles in the creation, management, discovery, and use of research produced at universities. CARL supports the critical enabling role of libraries in knowledge creation, dissemination, and mobilization, and the extension of open education.

Research libraries also provide enduring access for students, faculty, and researchers to the world's information resources. CARL works to ensure long-term access and preservation of knowledge in a dynamic digital environment

Mandate and Role

The committee's mandate is guided by CARL's Strategic Directions 2019-2022.

'**Advance Open Scholarship,**' states that CARL will:

- Foster new knowledge creation and sustainable research dissemination, especially via open access.
- Lead, develop, and deploy library-based research data management initiatives, in coordination and cooperation with all stakeholders in the RDM lifecycle.
- Advance open pedagogy collaborations and the development and use of open educational resources.

'**Ensure Enduring Access,**' states that CARL will:

- Facilitate collaborative activities to preserve and ensure long-term access to all forms of research resources with particular focus on Canadian resources.
- Facilitate innovative access and transformative use of unique collections by researchers, students, and the general public.

The Advancing Research Committee is a strategic committee that focuses on aspects of CARL libraries' support and contribution to the research enterprise and scholarly communication.

The Advancing Research Committee develops and recommends CARL positions, priorities, and initiatives that collectively aim to foster a sustainable scholarly research ecosystem in Canada, whether at the stage of new knowledge creation or at later stages of its dissemination, use and preservation. While maximizing open access to

scholarship is a clear objective, the ultimate goal is to create a healthy, integrated scholarly communication environment to serve the interests of Canadian research, learning and scholarship.

Responsibilities

The Advancing Research Committee will:

- Advance the above Strategic Directions
- Identify, initiate and guide CARL collaborations with other stakeholders in Canada (and beyond) that aim to develop workable, made-in-Canada approaches that encourage sustainable open access and commercial scholarly publishing.
- Identify and pursue opportunities for CARL and its member libraries to support Tri-Council policy compliance.
- Identify and develop leadership and educational opportunities related to open education within Canadian post-secondary libraries.
- Develop CARL positions on new models for scholarly publishing, and its financial support.
- Consider research libraries' roles and needs, and identify opportunities for CARL to advance Research Data Management (RDM) in Canada, within the context of Portage having been transferred to the New Digital Research Infrastructure Organization (NDRIO).
- Explore trends in research production and dissemination, and encourage experimentation with, or the implementation of, new or innovative approaches.
- Consider national preservation issues related to Canada's multi-format documentary heritage, and set CARL's priority areas for engagement on this matter, in collaboration with LAC and other stakeholders.
- Determine CARL collaborative print and digitization project priorities and funding sources.
- Form Working or Task Groups to undertake a project or initiative, or to advance a goal.
- Adhere to the CARL Committee Guidelines.

The Committee reports regularly to the Board and to the membership at General Meetings.

Membership

The Committee will normally consist of 4-8 CARL library directors. The President and the Executive Director are *ex officio* members of the Committee. Normally at least one member of the Committee will also be a Board member. The Chair of the Committee, as

recommended by Committee members, will be approved by the Board and appointed for a term of two years. The term may be renewed at the discretion of the Committee.

Subcommittees and Working Groups

The Committee will strike subcommittees or working groups as needed. The members of these groups need not all be members of the Committee, but the Chair of the subgroup normally will be. Subcommittee and working group mandates, chairs, members, and project budgeting will be approved by the Committee.

This Committee was established in January 2016.