

BLC Research Academy

Fellow Application

The deadline to submit your Fellow application using this form for the 2021/22 cohort of the BLC Research Academy is **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 by 5 p.m. ET.**

If you have technical issues with this application form, please contact PIL teaching faculty member, Kirsten Hostetler at kirstenhostetler@gmail.com. If you have questions about the application, please contact Academy Director, Alison Head at ajhead1@gmail.com.

About the BLC Research Academy

The nine-month professional development program is all-virtual, and begins on August 2, 2021 and ends on April 30, 2022. The inaugural class will consist of 12 Fellows selected from the BLC's New England-based public and private universities, liberal arts colleges, state and special research libraries. All library workers in the BLC are eligible to apply.

The Academy's teaching faculty seek Fellows interested in learning, improving, and gaining experience and confidence with collaborative research in the following areas:

- information literacy research,
- assessment, and/or
- topics that Fellows define related to their particular areas of interest, such as usability, representation, design, structural racism, or critical librarianship.

Research issues do not have to apply directly to libraries or a Fellow's institution.

The Academy's selection committee will use application responses to select Fellows according to the following criteria: balanced representation of BLC Consortium institutions; diversity in professional experiences, including career stage, experience with research, and job title. PIL is committed to selecting a diverse cohort of Fellows across all of the above criteria and also in terms of racial, ethnic identity, and gender expression. All interested applicants are encouraged to apply.

Thank you for your interest in the BLC Research Academy. We will notify all candidates of a decision by **June 30, 2021.**

For more about the BLC Research Academy, see: <https://blc.org/academy>

General Information

1. **Your name**
2. **Your pronouns**
3. **Your email**
4. **Your institution**
5. **Your job title**
6. **Provide a brief description of your job duties**
Suggested response length: 50-75 words

Professional and research experience

7. **How many years of experience do you have working in libraries, in general?**
1-5 years
6-10 years
11-20 years
21+ years
Other: *(please specify)*
8. **How much experience do you have with quantitative research, e.g., survey research, online polls, computational analysis?**
Scale from 1-5 (None—Extensive)
9. **How much experience do you have with qualitative research, e.g. individual interviews, focus groups, content analysis?**
Scale from 1-5 (None—Extensive)
10. **How much experience do you have submitting research protocols to an Institutional Review Board (IRB) for approval?**
Scale from 1-5 (None—Extensive)

Fellow activities

11. In general, what excites you most about being a Fellow in the Academy during 2021/22?

Suggested response length: 150-300 words

12. As a Fellow in the Academy, which of the following research topics are you particularly interested in learning more about?

Check all that apply

Formulating precise research questions

Using traditional methods for rigorous quantitative and qualitative research, e.g., surveys, interviews, content analysis

Using emerging research methods, e.g., information visualization, computational analysis, social media analytics

Constructing studies that avoid racial, ethnic, and/or gender bias

Applying ethical research practices to sample selection and data representation

Collaborating and working with other researchers from the BLC membership

Applying for, and managing, research funds and IRBs

Other: *(please specify)*

13. Knowing that your answer will evolve based on your experiences as a Fellow, can you tell us more about a single research topic that interests you now, and that you think you want to pursue as part of your time in the Academy?

Suggested response length: 150-300 words

14. How does your social, professional, disciplinary, and/or educational identity inform your relationship to research topics that you are interested in?

Suggested response length: 150-300 words

15. What communication styles work for you in the workplace?

Suggested response length: 50-75 words

16. Describe your experience giving and receiving feedback on a team project?

Suggested response length: 150-300 words

17. Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself and your research aspirations?

Suggested response length: 50-75 words