BLC Research Academy

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Information Session
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Professional development program

1. 9-months of virtual continuing education
2. Cohort of 12 Fellows
3. Info lit & assessment research
4. Learn by doing, sharing, making
5. Faculty mentors with applied expertise

Teaching Faculty

- Alison Head
- Steven Braun
- Alaina Bull
- Kirsten Hostetler
- Margy MacMillan
What’s offered

1. 1½ hour webinars (7)
2. Paired homework assignments (5-6)
3. One-to-one research consultations (2 ea.)
4. “Critical friends” service: review of writing in progress (1 ea.)
5. BLC-wide forum showcasing Fellow’s research projects
Why now? Why us?

**Gains for BLC Fellows**
- Growing need for info lit research
- Promotion, tenure, teaching
- Assessing library operations & services

**Value PIL brings**
- National research institute
- 12 groundbreaking OA studies
- Methodological expertise
Improving, learning, and gaining confidence

Collaborative Research

- Bringing distinct expertise to projects
- Building a network of research peers
- Empirical findings to inform recommendations and solutions for library and information practitioners
Questions?

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