Your Research Coach
A coaching program for research and scholarly projects.

“Your Research Coach” is a program for academic librarians seeking assistance with research and scholarly projects that can lead to publications or presentations. It helps by matching them with an experienced “coach,” who can offer advice, support, and suggestions to increase the chances for success.

How Does it Work?

- Librarians who are prospective authors or presenters complete the Research Partner Interest Form, describing a project that is in progress or one that is being proposed.
- Librarians who are experienced authors or presenters complete the Research Coach Volunteer Form, listing qualifications and areas of scholarly expertise and interest.
- Research Coaches are matched with Research Partners who can benefit from the coach’s knowledge and expertise. It is possible to have help from multiple coaches on a single project, creating a support system to help ensure success.
- Coaches and Research Partners work together via email or other online communication methods, phone, or face-to-face meetings, depending on location and the arrangements they make.

Possible Coach-Partner Activities

- Choosing or refining a research topic
- Formulating hypotheses
- Considering appropriate research methods
- Organizing results, analyzing data, and presenting findings
- Using statistical analysis
- Proofreading and editing the manuscript
- Choosing a suitable journal for submitting the manuscript
- Applying for poster sessions or organizing and presenting a poster session

Qualifications and Participation

Research Partners:

- Must be ACRL members
- Are expected to be college librarians with a desire to publish or make a conference presentation, and who would welcome advice
- Are expected to have a research project or writing topic in mind

Research Coaches:

- Should be experienced scholarly authors, conference presenters, or both
- Are expected to have a good working knowledge of library literature, experience with publishing in library literature, and/or a working knowledge of library conferences

For more information or to complete the forms to participate, go to: http://tinyurl.com/caov5ry

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