Information Session for Grant Applicants

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What We’ll Cover

- What is Ready to Code (RtC)
- What is the Ready to Code Grant All About
- What You Should Know About the Grant Application
- Selection Criteria & Process
- Timeline & Expectations
- Questions & Answers
- Learn More
What is Ready to Code?

A mindset for Library Services for and with youth that:

- Puts youth interests at the center of the learning
- Connects to specific community needs
- Provides opportunities for youth to engage in planning & implementation
- Engages community in design & implementation of activities
- Uses coding and CT ideas to support youth learning
- Focuses on facilitating learning
- Provides opportunities for community members to coach & mentor youth
About the Initiative

Ensures libraries have the resources, capacity, and inspiration to embrace activities that promote CT/CS among our nation’s youth

- Phase I: Landscape of CS in U.S. Libraries
- Phase II: Faculty integrate RtC concepts into curriculum
- Phase III: Library staff integrate RtC concepts into their work
Phase III - The Current Opportunity

Enable any library - regardless of CS expertise or resources - to offer programs that prepare U.S. kids with future skills

1. Design a toolkit that every library educator around the country can use to implement free CT/CS programs

2. Build a cohort of leaders to provide expertise to develop and test a toolkit, and be ambassadors for RtC
Writing a Successful Grant Application

Reviewers will look for:

- Strong, clear, achievable integration of RtC concepts
- Strong clear integration of CT &/or CS
- Clear indication of impact to high-needs communities &/or those underrepresented in CS
- Leadership and capacity to implement a program and support the development of a RtC toolkit
- Innovation that is customizable for a variety of communities
How Will Awardees be Selected?

The Selection Committee will consist of:

- 3 Members from each of the ALA Youth Divisions - AASL, ALSC, YALSA
- 2 representatives from the Office for Information Technology Policy

Committee members will review applications and select between 25 - 50 libraries to receive funds for a RtC project and to support the development of the RtC Toolkit.
## Timeline & Expectations

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<td>October 2017</td>
<td>Notifications made mid-month</td>
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<td>November 2017 - February 2018</td>
<td>Pilot period + evaluation, including regular community of practice</td>
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<td>Mid-winter conference working session for feedback on initial findings</td>
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<td>March 2018</td>
<td>Iteration and refinements</td>
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<td>April 2018</td>
<td>Release of final toolkit during National Library Week</td>
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<td>April - September 2018</td>
<td>Community of practice continues to meet throughout implementation of the final toolkit (Optional) participation in Ready to Code activities at ALA Annual</td>
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<td>September 30, 2018</td>
<td>Grant requirements are completed</td>
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