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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

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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

August 31, 2017	Application deadline
October 2017	Notifications made mid-month
November 2017 - February 2018	Pilot period + evaluation, including regular community of practice
February 2018	Mid-winter conference working session for feedback on initial findings
March 2018	Iteration and refinements
April 2018	Release of final toolkit during National Library Week
April - September 2018	Community of practice continues to meet throughout implementation of the final toolkit (Optional) participation in Ready to Code activities at ALA Annual
September 30, 2018	Grant requirements are completed
October 2018	Final reports due

Q&A

Learn More

Ready to Code Website

www.ala.org/tools/readytocode

Request for Proposal

bit.ly/rtc_rfp_17

Eligibility Criteria

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FAQ

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Resources & Examples

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Application

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