

Research Methods Common Knowledge Group Charter

1. Summary and Scope of Work

The Research Methods Common Knowledge Group (CKG) is a group of librarian experts and practitioners with a shared interest in research methodologies as well as advancing quality, diversity, and understanding of research methods among CKG members.

To promote innovation in research methodologies, the CKG openly communicates and encourages participation from academic librarians and LIS students with an interest in this area of librarianship. The Research Methods CKG provides a forum for the members to:

- ❖ Explore and develop guidelines, best practices, and/or standards in the use of various research methods
- ❖ Create a knowledge base through conference calls, symposia, clinics, master classes, and workshops
- ❖ Share experiences and propose collaborative research projects and plans
- ❖ Share information and/or collaborate when appropriate with CKGs working in related areas including, but not limited to, Research Data Services, Scholarly Communications, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, or UC GIS Leadership.

2. Key Expectations

The Research Methods CKG will:

- ❖ Gather and share information about opportunities, new technologies, best practices, and local campus developments within the domain of librarian use of research methods.
- ❖ Work collaboratively on emerging topics within the area of librarian use of research methodologies and provide mentorship to members, as needed.
- ❖ Provide input and information to other UC Libraries groups, as requested.
- ❖ Develop, assess, and/or advance innovative ideas and/or improvements relevant to the UC Libraries' Systemwide Plan and Priorities.

3. Membership and Terms of Appointment

Membership is open to librarians and LIS students at any academic institution interested in research methods. To seek membership, interested parties must contact the Research Methods CKG Chair.

Research Methods CKG members commit to a one year term. Terms are not limited.

Members from any UC campus and CDL are eligible to serve as the Research Methods CKG Chair and Vice Chair. Term length for Chair and Vice Chair will be one academic year each, with the Vice Chair succeeding the Chair at the end of their term. Appointments will rotate alphabetically through each UC campus and CDL, based on resource availability at each campus.

4. Communication and Meetings

Research Methods CKG communication responsibilities are to:

- ❖ Maintain an email list for use by the CKG; CKGs with open membership will maintain lists open to all interested academic librarians and LIS students
- ❖ Post and maintain a historical record of meeting minutes and reports accessible to all interested academic librarians and LIS students

The CKG meets at least quarterly, with irregular communication via listserv.