



**Council on Library and Information Resources**  
***Cataloging Hidden Special Collections and Archives Grant Program***

**Reviewer Questions**

I. How well does the application address the scholarly significance of the collection? For example,

- Do the nominated materials seem to meet the program's standard for supporting scholarship of national interest?
- How well does the applicant seem to understand the relevant scholarly community or communities?
- Given institutional constraints, does the applicant seem to be incorporating input and feedback from the scholarly community?
- Does the applicant seem to be aware of related projects and collections across the country, and do they seem capable of forging meaningful connections to them?

II. Does the project seem viable within the time frame and resources allocated to it? For example,

- Does the project plan seem reasonable?
- Given institutional constraints, does the applicant seem to have a good plan for promoting the use of the collection?
- Is the plan innovative in any way that might make it a model for others?

III. Does the proposal address technical and cataloging issues as well as scholarly issues? For example,

- Do the applicants seem to have a command of the relevant technology and standards that would allow for incorporating new records into larger search systems, including multi-institutional systems?
- Do you have a sense that the records will be easily discoverable by the relevant communities of interested scholars?
- Does the project seem innovative in any way that might make it a useful model in the national effort to catalog hidden collections?

IV. Do all the supporting documents (letters, resumés, etc.) attest strongly to the value of the proposed project, or do they leave questions unanswered or raise concerns?