

Council on Library and Information Resource's (CLIR) assessment of the National Digital Stewardship Residency (NDSR) program

Interview Guide for NDSR residents

Background Information:

1. How did you find out about the NDSR program?
2. Why were you initially interested in becoming a resident?

Possible follow-up prompts:

- a. What specific skills were you hoping to gain through participation in the program?
- b. What broader professional goals did you hope to achieve through participation in the program?

The residency

3. What are the most beneficial components of the NDSR curriculum? For example, were there specific sessions during the initial “boot camp” (initial intensive training period) that covered crucial learning material?

Possible follow-up prompt:

- a. Do you have any specific suggestions for material you'd like to see covered during the boot camp?

4. Are there any additional skills or material that residents need exposure to during the NDSR program—through the boot camp curriculum or otherwise?
5. Are there specific benefits—or drawbacks—to the cohort experience?

Possible follow-up prompts:

- a. What kinds of interactions have you had with the other residents and how have those contributed to your goals?
 - b. How do you think the cohort group that you're building will play into your future career?
6. At a broad level, what have been the most valuable professional skills and experiences that the residency has allowed you to acquire? For example: collaboration, project management, or networking with professionals in the digital preservation field.
 7. What kinds of broad digital preservation issues are you being exposed to at your host organization?

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Possible follow-up prompt:

- a. Overall, how do you think your project will contribute to your host institution's digital preservation needs?

Your NDSR project:

8. How is your NDSR project advancing and have you had to make any adjustments to your objectives and deliverables?
9. In what ways, if any, has the residency revealed unexpected issues or results related to digital preservation thus far?
10. What kinds of challenges, if any, have you encountered while working on your project?

Possible follow-up prompt:

- a. How have you addressed these challenges, and what role, if any, did NDSR administrators and your mentor play in resolving those challenges?
11. What kinds of challenges, if any, have you encountered during your residency or in participating in the NDSR program as a whole?

Possible follow-up prompt:

- a. How have you addressed these challenges, and what role, if any, did NDSR administrators and your mentor play in resolving those challenges?

Concluding questions:

12. In what ways do you envision the residency being most useful to your career?

Possible follow-up prompt:

- a. How do you think your cohort group might benefit you in the future?
13. How do you think the NDSR program could be improved?

Possible follow-up prompts:

- a. How did you find the application process?
- b. How do you feel about the length of the residency?
14. Do you have any final comments regarding your NDSR experience?