

My Research Niche

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Use the following as an assessment of your own research interests and possibilities. Comment or elaborate after each section as necessary. After you complete your assessment, keep a dated copy on file and consult it periodically to assess your changing interests and priorities.

Date: _____

1. How strong is my interest and commitment to each of the following research roles for health sciences librarians? (indicate low, medium or high)

- _____ providing research or evidence-based information to library users
- _____ keeping up with research in health sciences librarianship
- _____ doing research in health sciences librarianship

2. What are my major research goals? (check as many as apply)

- ___ finding time to keep up-to-date
- ___ continuing education
- ___ doing solo research
- ___ doing research with partners
- ___ obtaining funding for research
- ___ presenting conference papers
- ___ publication
- ___ other (describe) _____

3. What support is available (or do I need to develop) to achieve my research goals? (check as many as apply)

- ___ personal commitment
- ___ peer support
- ___ institutional support
- ___ local support (e.g. consortium, regional or state organizations)
- ___ national support (e.g. CHLA, MLA, colleagues)
- ___ external funding sources (CIHR, SSHRC, MLA, NLM, foundations)
- ___ other (describe)

4. What are my specific research goals for the next year? (check as many as apply)

- ___ spend ___ hours per month reading the research literature
- ___ investigate research opportunities
- ___ participate in continuing education
- ___ join the Research Section of MLA
- ___ offer to be a grant reviewer
- ___ prepare a research poster or paper
- ___ submit an article for publication
- ___ apply for research funding
- ___ other (describe) _____