

# Understanding Digital Scholarship Needs to Support the Evolving Nature of Academic Research

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# Presentation Outline



- A tale of two consultation processes
- Who did we consult? And how did we do it?
- Outcomes
- Next Steps

# A tale of two consultations



## 1. Workshop format

- Funded, large scale consultation
- Facilitated workshops preceded by “mixers”
- Focused on three priority research clusters: arctic studies, smart cities, visual analytics
- Fall 2014 – Winter 2015

## 2. Take a researcher for coffee format

- Unfunded, casual 1:1 meetings
- Conducted by librarian just starting newly-created role
- Focused on researchers from humanities and fine arts
- Spring – Fall 2015

# Outcomes: Workshop format



## Strengths

- Collegial atmosphere
- External experts
- External facilitators
- Flexible scheduling

## Challenges

- Recruitment
- Focus on process vs. outcomes

# Outcomes: Take a researcher for coffee format



## Strengths

- Low budget
- Not intimidating for participants
- Good way to build relationships
- Snowball sampling

## Challenges

- Robustness of data
- Open-ended format

# Outcomes: Common Research Support Needs

Data and  
Data  
Repositories



Digitization



Expertise



Space



Skills  
Training



Funding for  
Collaborations



# Next Steps



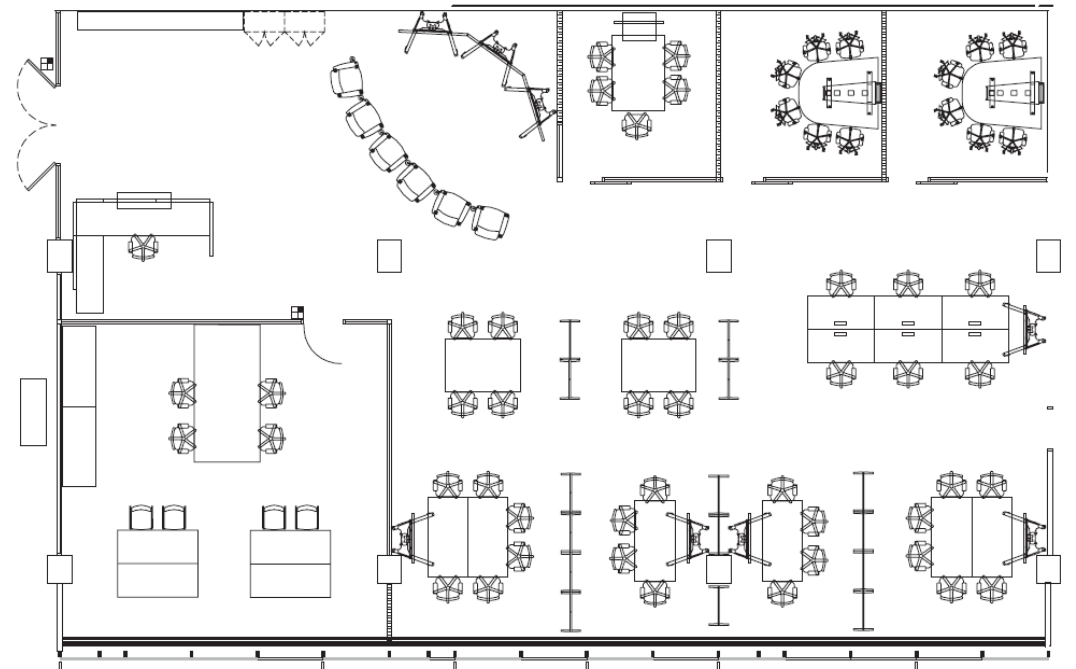
# Lab NEXT – service model

- Development of a service model to support digital scholarship
  - Student Digital Media Mentors located in physical space
  - Referral processes to librarians and technologists
  - Integration of functional specialties (copyright, metadata, digital projects, GIS, etc...)
  - Workshops and events

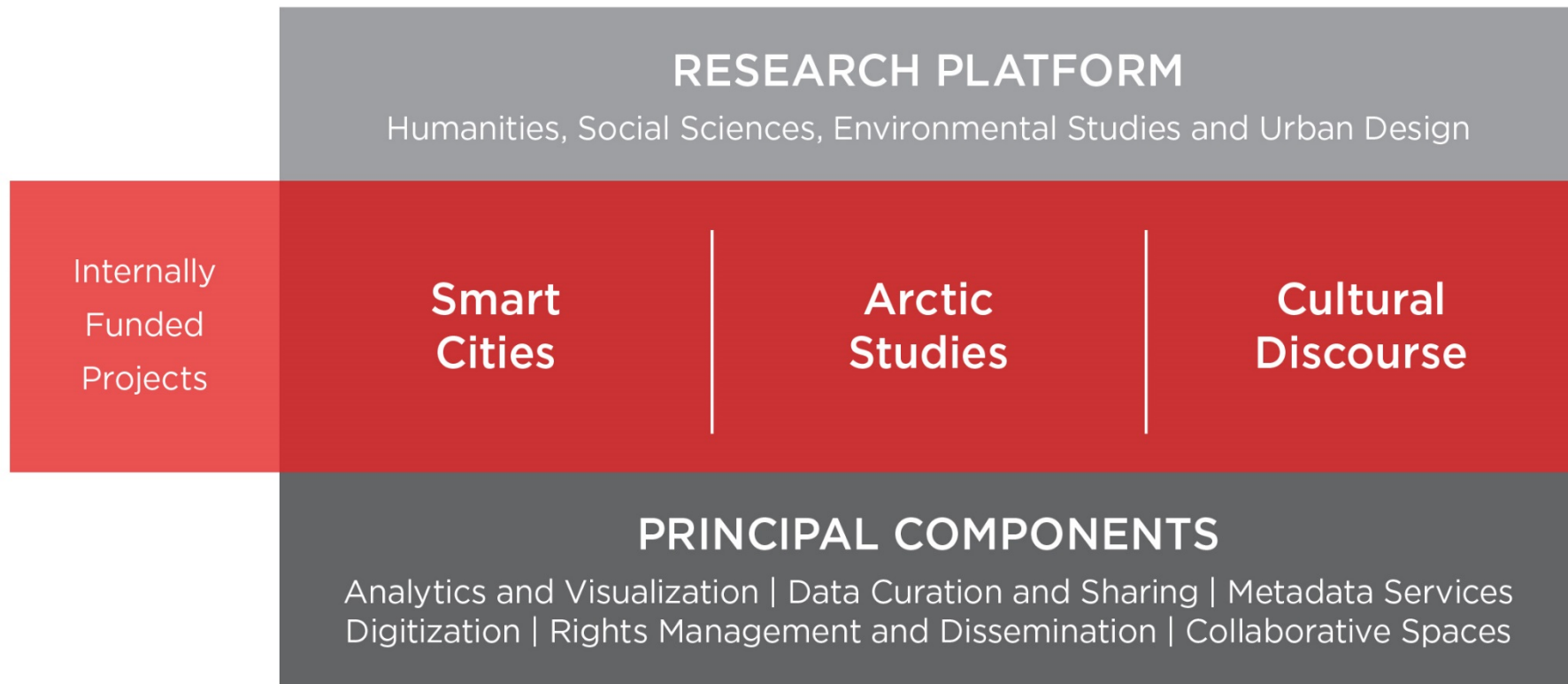


# Lab NEXT – physical space

- Renovation of space in Taylor Family Digital Library to support digital scholarship (Lab NEXT)
  - Bookable research spaces
  - High performance computers
  - Visualization/presentation space
  - MakerSpace



# Developing a research platform



Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

# Internal granting competition

- Two rounds of grants, each round totaling \$200,000 (CAD).
- To fund interdisciplinary research aligned with the goals of the research platform
- Research needs would be identified through this process and capacities built to respond to future requirements.

# Questions?



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