

“But we don’t do  
research like that  
anymore”

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The needs of  
researchers  
have  
changed



“..new  
scholarly  
infrastructure  
that  
incorporates  
digital  
content and  
tools”



## The Planning Study

# Multidisciplinary Research Infrastructure: The Role of 21st Century Libraries

- Three days of workshops in November 2015
- 50 faculty members from 15 disciplines
- 4 external facilitators
- 3 external scholars
- Library staff and Research Services Office as observers



# Findings

*Most Commonly  
Identified Needs*

- Data and repositories
- Digitization
- Expertise
- Space
- Skills training
- Funding for collaboration



# Next Steps



# The Proposal

## Academic Research and University Libraries: Creating a New Model for Collaboration

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# Goals

- Develop a platform for supporting research.
- Enhance campus-wide partnerships.
- Reposition libraries within the research enterprise.



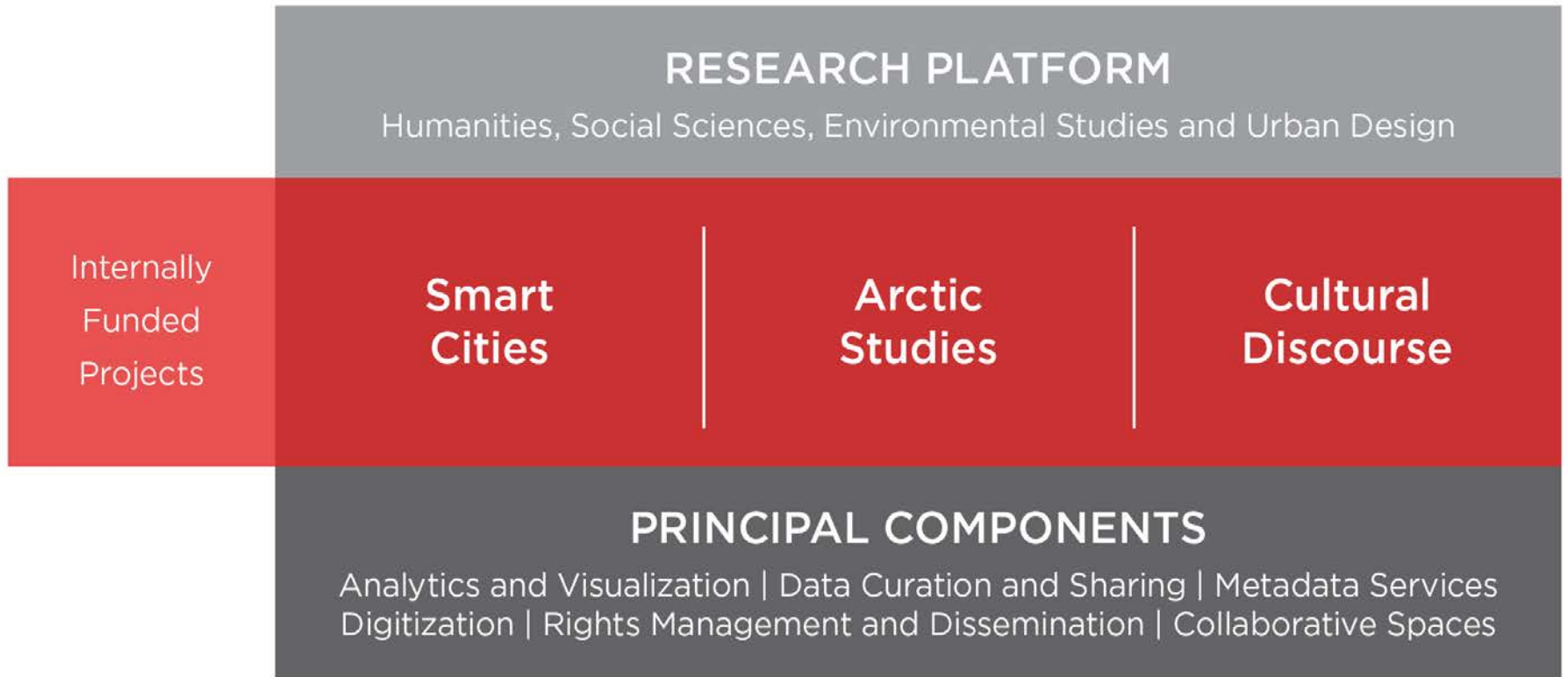


## Research Platform

A suite of common services, technical infrastructure, and expertise will leverage economies-of-scale, strengthen scholarly capacity, and reposition the library within the research ecosystem.



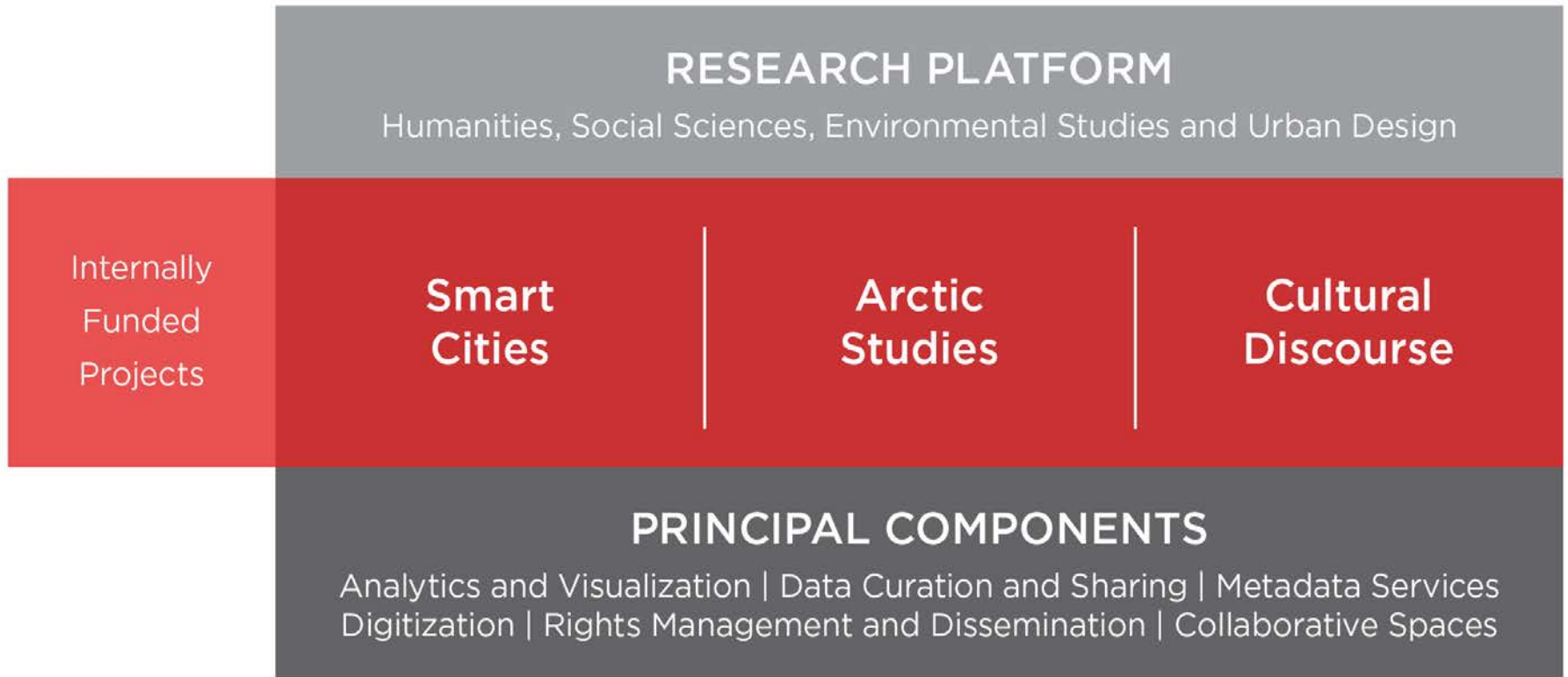
The Platform will be designed through an iterative research process.



# Process

- Internal granting competition
  - 2 rounds of grants, each round totaling \$200,000 (cad).
  - Research needs would be identified through this process and capacities built to respond to future requirements.
- Advisory committee of **senior scholars and research administrators** from the University of Calgary to advise on the structure, format and process.
- Two evaluations by **external expert reviewers** after the completion of each grant cycle to consider outcomes and impact.

Competitive grant proposals will be chosen from Smart Cities, Arctic Studies and Cultural Discourse, University priority research areas.



## Principal Components of the Platform

- Analytics and Visualization
- Data Curation and Sharing
- Digitization
- Metadata Services
- Rights Management and Dissemination
- Collaborative Spaces



## Outcomes

- Library staff develop a new understanding of research needs as defined by the scholars.
- Library better prepared to align resources and expertise with research as it is evolving today.
- Library administrators better able to make strategic decisions.



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