

Participating in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance

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The Rosemont Shared Print Alliance is committed to engaging with other programs that share our [vision and mission](#). As a developing initiative, we are also mindful of the need to manage participation in ways that ensure we can achieve our existing strategic goals. While we may not be able to consider all requests for participation, the Rosemont Alliance is committed to engaging with others involved in serials and journals shared print and to exploring other forms of collaboration or partnership. With these issues in mind, we have developed the following criteria for participation to guide further growth of the Alliance.

Criteria for participation in the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance:

- A. Participation is for well-established shared print programs composed of predominantly academic/research libraries that are focused on scholarly serials/journals retention (although programs that combine serials/journals and monograph retention would be eligible). Today the Rosemont Alliance is exclusively U.S. based.
- B. Participants must be able to contribute journal retention commitments to the Rosemont Alliance, and be willing and able to allocate staff resources to actively participate in the Rosemont Operations Committee and Executive Committee. By joining the Rosemont Alliance, the participating program agrees and affirms that all holdings retained by the program are also retained under the Rosemont Shared Print Alliance and, by definition, subject to the [Rosemont Alliance Access Principles](#).
- C. Program participants must be willing to engage across the broad issues that make up the [mission](#) of the Rosemont Alliance and be willing to work within the framework of the current policies and principles, including:
 - I. A commitment to grow the corpus of print journals held under retention commitments
 - II. A commitment to develop shared policies, guidelines, and best practices to ensure access to and preservation of the retained corpus
 - III. A commitment to actively engage with the broader shared print community including the Print Archive Network (PAN) and other partners to advance the agenda of shared print, including advocacy
- D. Programs must disclose information on their retention commitments in agreed-upon national or international databases (e.g., PAPER) and ensure that information remains current.

A program interested in joining the Rosemont Alliance should submit a letter expressing their interest to the [Chair of the Rosemont Operations Committee](#), signed by the top-level governance official from the program (e.g., Board President, Executive Director, etc.). This letter should clearly describe how the program is aligned with the mission and goals and meets the **criteria for participation** listed above.

Upon receipt of the letter, the Rosemont Operations Committee will review the request and may ask for additional information from the program. Upon completion of this review, the request will be referred to the [Rosemont Executive Committee](#).

The Rosemont Alliance Executive Committee will typically consider the addition of new members at its annual in-person meeting, but may choose to consider programs for membership at any time based on a recommendation from the Operations Committee. In reviewing the application from a prospective member, the Rosemont Alliance Executive Committee will take into consideration not only the extent to which the program meets the criteria for participation, but also the current activities in which the Rosemont Alliance is involved and the available bandwidth within the Rosemont Alliance to support growth at that time.

The Executive Committee has the option of requesting that admission be delayed until such time as it believes the Rosemont Alliance can effectively on-board the program.

When a new program is accepted to participation in the Rosemont Alliance, the Chair of the Executive Committee will notify the program director and request that the program submit the names of its representatives on [the Operations and Executive Committees](#). The Chair of the Operations Committee will then follow up with the appropriate representative(s) and begin the on-boarding process.