

EBSCO FOLIO Innovation Challenge

In June 2016, libraries and service providers came together to reshape the future of libraries and develop new technologies with a new initiative called FOLIO. This community-based project, provides a platform for libraries, service providers, and other organizations to team up to redefine library automation via open source projects. The goal is to cultivate interest groups, form partnerships and spark conversations that will lead to the creation of new services and technologies for libraries.

FOLIO, which stands for the Future of Libraries is Open, is working to develop a reimagined library services platform (LSP), one that supports traditional resource management requirements and functionality, yet is engineered for innovation and growth through industry collaboration. At its core, FOLIO will allow for extensibility into new services for libraries and will dramatically change the technology ecosystem available to libraries, service providers and technology developers.

EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) and the OLE libraries are providing funding and contributing resources for the development of FOLIO with Index Data developing the initial platform and engaging deeply with the library developer community. EBSCO is introducing the EBSCO FOLIO Innovation Challenge to fund innovative solutions to library issues. We are looking for apps that will change the way libraries interact with end users, faculty, and other departments to extend the services libraries provide and improve how libraries work and serve their users. The grants are intended to help support projects that will encourage adoption of the FOLIO platform, enhance the platform appeal, and deliver economies of scale.

The FOLIO Innovation Challenge is a grant program that will make available several awards, each between USD \$5,000 and USD \$20,000, to participants who have addressed opportunities and provided innovative solutions that advance technology for academic libraries. Grants will be awarded to entrants whose projects leverage the FOLIO codebase and address current opportunities in library technology. Grants will be awarded to projects that illustrate an innovative solution to challenges that academic libraries face.

EBSCO FOLIO Innovation Challenge grants will be awarded between July 2017 and April 2018.

Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals early at foliogrants@ebSCO.com.

Questions will be accepted at foliogrants@ebSCO.com.

Winners will have the potential opportunity to participate in a subsequent incubator program.

Learn more at www.ebSCO.com/folio-innovation-challenge

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Section I. Cover Letter

Section II. Summary Sheet

Section III. Narrative (limit responses to two pages)

Section IV. Attachments

Proof of IRS federal tax-exempt status, dated within the last 5 years (if available).

Section I. Cover Letter

One page cover letter that includes information about the library, the proposed project (“Project”) and why it should be funded.

Section II. Summary Sheet

Legal Name of Library

dba – Doing Business As

The name that the library is widely known by if different from the legal name.

Name of the Project, and describe what the grant will be used for

Be brief and clear.

Director Signature

Section III. Narrative (limit responses to two pages)

QUESTION 1 | LIBRARY BACKGROUND

Provide a brief history of the library and its mission.

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QUESTION 2 | GOALS

Describe the library's current technology goals, what the library plans to accomplish in the near future (next one to two years) related to technology and innovation. Describe how the Project will address the needs of the library and/or the community and the library's current technology goals.

QUESTION 3 | PROJECT REQUEST

Provide a summary of the plan for the Project. Include the issues and/or opportunities addressed, goals and objectives, activities, and desired timeline. Highlight the understanding of the concern or challenge that would be addressed by this Project, and the involvement of the university as a whole.

QUESTION 4 | OPTIONAL

If there is additional information that is vital to convey in this proposal, do so here. If there is something pertinent to your proposal that has not been included in your responses to the other questions, and you believe it will strengthen the application, include it here.

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