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National Digital Stewardship Residency: Preserving Our Digital Future

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NDSR Mission

...to build a dedicated community of professionals who will advance our nation's capabilities in managing, preserving and making accessible the record of human achievement held in digital form.



NDSR Objectives

The program seeks to:

- Define the core competencies of digital stewardship training
- Create a community of experts in the field
- Establish a national model for digital stewardship training
- Bridge classroom education and professional experience

Why a Residency Program ?

-The Need to Tie theory and practice in the field-

To address this need NDSR will:

- Host the Digital Stewardship Immersion Workshop
- Enable students to work in other professional institutions for 9 months
- Foster collaborative learning between students and professionals in the field

The Perfect Project

- Contains Clear objectives; short and long-term goals
- Encourages Diverse skill sets
- Develops a sense of community
- Requires significant engagement of the resident
- Is practical and hands-on
- Produces a final deliverable
- Contains thorough Assessment methods



Meeting the Challenges

The design of an inter-agency internship or residency program must address challenging areas:

- Finding hosts engaged in digital activity
- Determining who should lead planning and content development
- Optimal Length for the Program
- Funding the initiative

Theory & Practice

Digital preservation-specific and technical tasks and skills:

1. General / basic knowledge
2. Preservation & data management planning
3. Preservation Tools
4. Information Modeling and metadata



Theory & Practice

General Skills

1. Liaising between customers and information technology experts
2. Communication
3. Project Management
4. Networking with People



Measuring Program Success & Assessing Impact

- Web surveys
- Measurable, statistical data interpretation
- Focus groups / review with curriculum development panel
- Questioning and assessing progress in smaller pieces along the way
- Good design means successful results



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