

Digital Dexterity Community of Practice Role Description

What is Digital Dexterity?

Digital Dexterity is important for success in education, in the workforce and in life. It includes digital and information literacy, but goes beyond this to encompass a range of capabilities including learning and creation, collaboration, media and data literacy, identity and wellbeing, growth mindset, adaptability, and creative response to opportunities. Libraries have an important role to play in building and supporting these skills for our profession, our clients and our institutions through the development of appropriate frameworks, advocacy, tools and resources (CAUL, 2020).

Nominated Digital Dexterity Champions within each Library work within the Digital Dexterity community of practice to develop skills, share resources and provide feedback. Supported by CAUL and CAVAL, the community of practice is Champion led and driven.

What is the Digital Dexterity Community of Practice?

The Digital Dexterity Community of Practice is a group of enthusiastic, multi-disciplined library professionals from across the tertiary sector with a mission – to improve our own capabilities around Digital Dexterity and to share our knowledge with our fellow library professionals and our user communities. CoP members may:

- Explore and share the [CAUL Digital Dexterity Framework](#) and the [CAUL Digital Dexterity Framework for Library Professionals](#), and the importance of digital capabilities.
- Model a growth mindset towards acquiring and using digital skills.
- Lead, promote or take part in digital dexterity initiatives.
- Share digital dexterity knowledge and practice.
- Play an active role in sharing knowledge and experiences, and energising the Community of Practice.

Who can become a CoP member?

Anyone. This is a grassroots role, and we are looking for people at all organisational levels who think digital dexterity is important, and are interested in encouraging the development of digital skills in their workplace. We need people who:

- Are interested in digital capabilities. There is no need for you to be an 'expert' but you must be willing to learn and explore.

- Have a positive, enthusiastic attitude, are flexible and comfortable with uncertainty, and are willing to persevere if you have setbacks.
- Are willing to engage colleagues with digital dexterity and the CAUL Framework
- Are prepared to commit some time and energy to the role.

What is the workload, and what support will you receive?

Digital Dexterity Champions can provide you with resources, and you will also have the support of a wide network.

What will you gain from becoming a CoP member?

- The opportunity to meet and learn from colleagues across Australia and New Zealand in a professional network.
- The opportunity to develop your digital dexterity and collaborative skills, through exploring new ideas with colleagues.
- Deeper understanding of your professional practice and learning.
- Knowing you are making a difference to your organisation in an area you are passionate about.
- Access to resources shared by Digital Dexterity Champions.

References:

Council of Australian University Librarians, 2020, <https://www.caul.edu.au/programs-projects/digital-dexterity-new-skills-learning-and-research-excellence>