

## Organizational Profile

Founded in 2005 by a consortium of the four public Association of Research Libraries (ARL) universities in Texas – The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, The University of Houston, and Texas Tech University – the Texas Digital Library will serve as a state-wide repository for research output including electronic theses and dissertations, open access peer-reviewed journals, faculty archives and research, technical report series, scientific datasets, learning objects, digital media, and special collections.

The Texas Digital Library seeks to serve the higher education community within the Texas, the second most populous state and third most proficient producer of PhDs. Since its inception, the Texas Digital Library has grown to include twelve academic institutions, which account for nearly three-quarters of the Ph.D.s granted in the state. All six of Texas' university systems have representation in the current membership. Further recruitment of academic institutions is ongoing.

The Texas Digital Library will provide services in support of scholarly activities throughout the State of Texas, serving faculty, students, and other scholars by providing an avenue to wider dissemination, accessibility, and long-term preservation of their academic work. These services include:

- Institutional repositories for storage and accessibility of scholarly output of educational institutions.
- Learning object repositories to provide secure storage facility for the materials used in teaching and learning, while increasing the awareness, access and reusability for other faculty and the public.
- Curatorial services and a secure storage facility for the digitized artifacts found in our university archives and museums, as well as the scientific collections of our faculty.
- A robust, redundant, and geographically diverse preservation network to ensure the longevity and accessibility of these valuable digital assets.