

## **Libraries selection of resources [revised for FY21]**

DUL librarians apply their additional disciplinary knowledge and expertise in making selection and acquisition decisions. In addition, they will initiate and maintain close relationships with Colleges, Schools, academic programs, and faculty through departmental meetings, consultations and other communication venues which help them to determine faculty and student dependencies on information resources in relation to curriculum assignments and accreditation requirements.

Selection requests/needs are regularly compiled, vetted, and reviewed by the Scholarly Communications team of DUL librarians to make resource decisions informed by budget and usage data in relation to the selection priorities established by DUL. The Libraries acquisition experts review and confirm proprietary vendor package offerings, contractual terms and conditions, along with pricing to determine the best use of the library's budget in order to meet the prioritized selection needs.

**Key selection principles, revised for FY21** reflect the following **prioritized** investment of university funds for DUL- managed shared access to authoritative resources:

1. With confirmation by librarians with discipline and subject expertise, priority emphasis is on licensed/purchased access to electronic resources that support curricular and explicit accreditation requirements for:
  - Undergraduate curriculum across disciplinary programs, exclusive of required textbooks
  - master's professional degrees
  - doctoral coursework for professional and PhD degrees
2. When electronic formats are not available or for those materials that are uniquely historic, physical formats may be acquired
3. As determined by subject librarians and based on the University's current strategic emphasis, selection and acquisition will provide greater depth of coverage for immediate access in disciplines related to:
  - health and medicine
  - engineering and technology
  - design
  - Black culture, racial and social equity
4. Information resources not available via resource sharing channels will be acquired if above criteria are met.
5. Acquisition of materials related to law, medical history, biodiversity and environmental sciences will be deferred to those campus libraries and archives whose primary focus supports these disciplines, e.g. Legal Resource Center (Kline College of Law); Legacy Center (College of Medicine); and the ANS (Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University)
6. Data and statistical resources may be acquired if they support programs in multiple disciplines and above criteria are met.
7. DUL will audit renewal decisions periodically and adjust as needed if updated usage data or new pricing options become available.