

UCARConnect Collection Development Blueprint

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1.0 Blueprint Principles

This blueprint is a declaration of current needs, priorities, and strategies for growing and maintaining the UCARConnect collection. It augments UCARConnect's Collection Policy and articulates specific areas of development for priority attention for accessioning into UCARConnect. For information on how collections, resources, and metadata are accepted into and removed from a library, please see the [UCARConnect Collection Policy](#).

2.0 Blueprint Goals

The UCARConnect Collections Development Blueprint seeks to define criteria that both identify gaps and needs in the overall collection, and guide development efforts for UCARConnect collections. These areas may be in subject, audience, education level, or resource type.

3.0 Determining Collection Need

UCARCONNECT may use a variety of methods to determine collection coverage and need. These include, but are not limited to:

- Survey data and usage analysis from national and regional STEM education organizations and agencies
- Analyses from partners using UCARCONNECT services to deliver resources to teachers and learners
- Anecdotal evidence from collection contributors, user comments, and other methods in which UCARCONNECT resources may be discussed or evaluated
- Log analysis of search terms that may yield inadequate search returns
- Requests from funding programs/projects associated with or supporting the UCARConnect scope or mission
- Changes in collection scope in terms of subject, audience, education level, contextualization or resource type

4.0 Needs & Priorities

This section of the blueprint will undergo change as the collection develops and will

provide a history of the evolving needs of UCARConnect.

2015-01 declaration of need:

UCARConnect needs collections of resources, annotations, and paradata that emphasize these areas according to the UCARConnect Histograms:

- UCAR-wide educational resources.

Additional needs will be added based on gap analysis of UCAR educational resources via the UCARConnect catalog histograms available for internal UCAR use.

UCARConnect will continue to concentrate on raising the quality of the existing collection by weeding out-of-scope, non functional, and non-digitally robust resources. All collection development work is subject to the [UCARConnect Collection Policy](#).

5. Assessing Future Collection Needs and Priorities

UCARConnect will periodically review progress in its collection building efforts and revise priority areas for development based on this assessment and the identification of emerging areas of need, as determined from data as described in UCAR Connect histograms and needs specified in Section 3.0

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