

The Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) Conference Planning Committee invites you to submit proposals for the 41st Annual Conference, which will take place on November 20, 2015 at Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center in Lewis Center, Ohio. The submission deadline for both break-out sessions and poster presentations is **March 27, 2015**. Applicants are encouraged to develop proposals that show thoughtful consideration of this year's conference theme, **"Cultivating Leadership: Preparing Academic Libraries for the Future,"** which seeks to explore how academic libraries and librarians empower and support each other in our development as leaders within the profession. We would love to learn about your ideas, experiences, solutions, and best practices – even those that yielded results that were different than expected!

2015 ALAO Annual Conference

Cultivating Leadership: Preparing Academic Libraries for the Future

#ALAO2015

Nov. 20, 2015

Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center
100 Green Meadows Drive South
Lewis Center, Ohio 43035



Presentations may take the form of contributed papers, demonstrations, workshops, research results, panel discussions, and posters. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Leadership
- Succession Planning
- Marketing/PR
- Research/Publishing
- Collaborations with Non-Library Departments
- Outreach
- (Project) Management
- Communication
- Leading Without Formal Authority
- Coalition Building
- Developing a Diverse Organization
- Building Relationships
- Gaining Support/Advocacy
- Staff Development
- Serving Diverse Populations
- Leading through Change
- Open Access Initiatives
- Library Communities of Practice
- Mentoring
- Instruction Developments
- Conflict Resolution
- Contingency Planning
- Students as Leaders

Submission guidelines

You may submit multiple proposals, however, no more than two will be included in the final program.

- [Submit your proposal online.](#)
- All proposals will be blind-reviewed for content, relevance to the conference theme, and overall appeal. A concise, clearly written description and abstract will help the reviewers in evaluating your proposal. See our [presentation guidelines](#) page for assistance and tips.
- **Exclude the name of your institution, department and any personal names in the abstract** to expedite the blind review process. You do not need to exclude this information in the brief description.
- You will be contacted regarding your AV/technology requirements if your proposal is accepted.
- All presenters are responsible for their own registration and travel costs.
- Please print a copy of the completed form for your records before submitting.
- You will receive an email confirmation upon submission. If you do not receive confirmation, or have questions about your submission, please contact Shelly Miller by email: program@alaoweb.org

Presenter grants

ALAO encourages library support staff and library student growth, career development, and participation in conference activities, and awards two presenter grants, one for support staff and the other for students. These grants (up to \$150 each) are intended to assist with the costs incurred in preparing the presentation and modest travel costs associated with the presentation. Additional information is available on [the conference website's presentation guidelines page](#).

