



**North: the Canadian Shared Print Network/ Nord:
Réseau canadien de conservation partagée des
documents imprimés**

Invitation for Applications: 2025/2026 Researcher-in-Residence Program

The Canadian Shared Print Network (North/Nord) is pleased to announce the launch of its inaugural *Researcher-in-Residence* Program for the 2025/2026 cycle. This program offers a unique opportunity for researchers to engage with projects pertinent to shared print initiatives. Specifically, we are seeking proposals aligned with one of the following three research streams: *Canadiana*, *Indigenous Works*, and *Government Information*, as well as studies related to *collection analysis* and *collective collecting*. This position is not remunerated, as it is a voluntary Researcher-in-Residence role intended to support independent scholarship and collaboration.

Mission

Our mission is to protect, preserve, and provide fair access to Canada's scholarly and cultural records while ensuring responsible and sustainable collection management. Through cooperation and shared stewardship, we safeguard critical academic and historical materials while adopting practical, efficient strategies to support long-term preservation. By minimizing duplication, reducing waste, and optimizing storage solutions, we strengthen Canada's ability to independently manage its knowledge resources. This initiative ensures that Canadian institutions remain resilient, forward-thinking, and committed to preserving our nation's intellectual and cultural legacy for future generations.

Program Overview

- **Duration:** We invite applications for placements ranging from 6 to 12 months, with a flexible start date in 2025-2026.
- **Research Focus:** Ideal candidates will be working on research projects that aim to solve practical issues pertinent to shared print, presentations, or other scholarly outputs that align with North/Nord's Vision and Mission.
- **Support Provided:** North/Nord will offer in-kind staff support as well as support in submitting conference and grant applications, technology resources,

opportunities for professional networking and collaboration with members of the Steering Committee & various working groups.

Who can apply

We welcome applications from staff at Canadian libraries who are planning research or self-funded leave. While this is a non-remunerated, virtual position, it offers a scholarly affiliation and a supportive intellectual community for situating related research within a national context. Researchers may be based at any Canadian institution.

Funding Available

Funding may be available during the course of the residency for eligible expenses including conference travel or research related expenses to cover expenses up to \$2,000 CAD.

Benefit to Researchers

- **National Platform:** As a national network, North/Nord facilitates coordination among Canadian libraries to ensure the long-term preservation and accessibility of research resources. This is achieved by balancing traditional print preservation with innovative, pragmatic approaches such as alignment with digitization and other services and programs across Canada. Through this collaborative framework, North/Nord serves as a national platform for engaging with partner organizations, advancing shared print initiatives, and providing leadership in education and advocacy within the field. As a researcher, your work will receive higher levels of exposure and visibility by working with North/Nord.
- **Advancing the Frontiers of an Emerging Field:** North/Nord envisions a resilient, efficient and self-reliant print preservation program that safeguards Canada's academic and cultural heritage. Through collaboration among Canadian libraries, we ensure long-term access to resources, balancing print preservation with innovative and practical solutions like digitization to enhance accessibility. By working with North/Nord and identifying a research area pertinent to physical collections and shared print, researchers will have a unique opportunity to support work in an emerging field across Canadian libraries, setting directions for shared print activities across Canada.
- **Building Collective Leadership in a New Era:** North/Nord's mission is to protect, preserve, and provide fair access to Canada's scholarly and cultural records while ensuring responsible and sustainable collection management. Researchers collaborating with us will have a unique opportunity to explore future

partnerships, develop innovative solutions, and engage with emerging technologies—contributing to the transformation of physical collection stewardship for the benefit of libraries across Canada.

Benefit to Home Institution, Librarianship & Shared Print Landscape

- **Practical Collaboration:** North/Nord is committed to advancing practical, collaborative solutions to shared challenges in library stewardship, with a focus on both retrospective and forward-looking issues related to print collections. Through a range of coordinated projects, the network addresses concerns such as space constraints, the preservation of rare and heritage materials, and the responsible stewardship of Indigenous works. Through sustained dialogue and collaboration among Canadian libraries, North/Nord facilitates collective problem-solving and the coordinated development of strategic approaches to address long-standing challenges pertinent to library collections across the country.

Application Process

To apply, interested candidates should submit an expression of interest, detailing their proposed research project, along with a current Curriculum Vitae (CV), to the **North/Nord Coordinator, Katya Pereyaslavska**, kpereyaslavska@coppul.ca. We look forward to receiving your application and working together to advance research in shared print programs.