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Location
KIPJ Room EF

Keywords
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University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) is a public research university and one of the fastest-growing urban public research universities in the nation. The student body is one of the most diverse and made up of over 57,000 enrolled students. UTA Libraries has been recognized as the 2nd most employer of student workers on campus, employing 160 students.
The UTA Libraries delivers extensive training to all student employees. We believe our contribution to student success involves developing leadership in each student. We administer the Gallup Strength Training, foster a sense of belonging, expand their professional skill-sets, and cultivate open access advocates who are knowledgeable of issues and rights within the open ecosystem enabling them to navigate copyright issues while they are employees in the Libraries digital publishing services and after graduation.

We pride ourselves on the meaningful learning and engagement opportunities that our student employees receive. Our training is supported by the following internal guiding principles: We Care; We Empower; We Take Ownership; We Are Extraordinary. The Libraries become our students’ Third Place, where community grows in the space between our programs, services, and their employee engagement.

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[Learning Outcomes]

Following this session, participants will be able to;

1. Learn how to think about student success for the library student employees as they map Open Access knowledge and skills translate to marketable skills in the workforce.
2. Understand the library’s amplified efforts to support leadership growth of student employees through training opportunities in the library.
3. Apply the take-a-ways presented to implement student employment programs at the participants’ institutions.

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