

## Call for Papers & Participation: CIRCLS Community Report

**CIRCLS invites participation for a new Community Report!** Building on a key theme that emerged from the CIRCLS'21 convening, a central theme of this report will be *how partnerships design and conduct exploratory research about innovative emerging technologies for teaching and learning that empower diverse learners, teachers, and other stakeholders*. We are interested in hearing about the full range of community's work with all types of partners, including (but not limited to) schools/districts, practitioners, community-based organizations, cultural institutions, HBCUs and/or MSIs, industry and researchers from other disciplines. As we describe below, we are inviting both (a) editors who will co-produce the report with CIRCLS and (b) contributors who share the advances that partnerships are making in their projects. What we are looking for from contributors is similar to what CIRCLS has already done with [Project Spotlights](#) — short, web-based articles. These should not be time-consuming to produce, but can have a high impact. *In particular, the Community Report is very important to NSF's sustained support for the RETTL and related programs; it helps them argue for the value of this funding stream — and thus your involvement will keep this community and its funding strong.*

Further, by participating in this call, editors and contributors will gain two benefits:

- Their exploratory research, even at an early stage in their project, will be published and promoted by CIRCLS.
- They will be invited to a meetup in Fall 2022 with 4-5 related projects to share insights and ideas for improvement and have the opportunity to meet with projects pursuing similar ideas.

### **Previous CIRCLS Community Reports**

CIRCLS previously worked with the cyberlearning and RETTL communities to produce a set of reports on the progress in our research communities (e.g., among the funded grant projects that CIRCLS serves). Examples include: the [Cyberlearning Community Report](#), [Ambitious Mashups](#), the [AI Expert Panel Report](#), and the [report on CIRCLS'21](#). These reports allowed NSF to see the progress of the community; this was instrumental in the creation of the RETTL program following the cyberlearning program. Community reports help the field reflect on its progress, improving our collective work. And they provide recognition to authors through a citable, well-read publication.

	Editors	Contributors
May	<p><b>Submit an <a href="#">interest form</a> by May 23.</b> You will be asked to write a paragraph about your interest and experience in this community, and what you think will make an impactful and relevant report.</p> <p>Help select the contributors, and brainstorm ideas for the format of the report.</p>	<p><b>Submit an <a href="#">interest form</a> by May 23.</b> You will be asked to supply a brief introduction to your project, one paragraph about the role of partnerships in your project and a suggestion of themes you would like to discuss with other projects. In total, about one page of text is required.</p>
June	<p>Work with contributors to conceptualize their pieces.</p> <p>Decide on format and framing for report with CIRCLS comms.</p>	<p>Work with editors to conceptualize pieces.</p>
July - Aug	<p>Editors work with DP Comms to plan website and social media components</p>	<p>Submit a 2-3 page draft contribution by end of Aug. The format for these drafts is not yet finalized, but will be similar to CIRCLS <a href="#">Project Spotlights</a>.</p>
September	<p>Provide feedback to contributors on their pieces.</p>	
October		<p>Participate in a thematic meetup with 4-5 related projects. The meetups will be an opportunity to cross-connect your ideas with the ideas of others, and to make plans to revise your contribution to make a distinctive contribution.</p>
November-December	<p>Work with CIRCLS team to write framing pieces of report.</p>	<p>Revise and submit your final contribution by December 15 (of similar length to the draft contribution).</p>
January	<p>Work with CIRCLS team to finalize report.</p>	
February	<p>Share final report with networks!</p>	<p>Share final report with networks!</p>

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