

# User-Centered Digital Learning at Western Libraries

## Advancing Teaching, Learning, Research and Scholarship Through Innovations in Technology

Libraries have long been innovative, creative institutions within their communities. Western Libraries and its staff are no different, long committed to providing equitable access to and effective use of information resources, and instructional technology in order to ensure successful lifelong learning.

Digital technologies have transformed university life in recent years and will continue to change dramatically the way in which Western Libraries delivers its resources to students, researchers, faculty, alumni and community members, across campus and beyond.

## Investing in Digital Innovation

As we educate the next generation of global leaders, it is crucial we continue to be innovative and be proactive in the integration of future technological developments, which will enhance teaching and learning, and research and scholarship.



To that end, Western Libraries is committed to **raising \$1.5 million to establish a Highest Priorities Discretionary Fund for technology renewal and conversion.**

Digital innovation across Western Libraries will:

- Increase the speed of research
- Increase off-site access to information resources
- Stimulate creativity in learning and teaching
- Ensure equal access to required technology to support learning
- Support and enhance collaborative, interdisciplinary and global scholarship
- Enhance Western's international profile through electronic access of selected collections and databases

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### Fast Facts

*Western Libraries is available online 24/7 to our users, with our website receiving hundreds of millions of hits per year*

*Three quarters of Western Libraries purchases are in electronic form*

*Western Libraries is a gateway to hundreds of different databases*

*Our 400 workstations provide a one-stop place to access library research tools and office productivity software*

*Collections across Western Libraries include 600,000 electronic books and 50,000 full text electronic journals*

*In addition to paid subscriptions to specific databases, Western Libraries also provides links to approximately fifteen hundred open access, peer-reviewed journals*

### Impact

Your support of digital innovation and information technology, including IT renewal and conversion initiatives, will help us to:

- Maintain Western Libraries' reputation for digital innovation
- Nurture a culture of life-long learning and loyalty to Western Libraries
- Provide a platform to share innovative teaching and learning solutions on a global scale
- Prepare students/faculty for a fast-changing, complex workforce reliant on cutting-edge technology
- Create a virtual learning space for students and researchers that will include essential hardware, software and multi-media tools



### Make a Difference

Western Libraries is proud of our reputation for providing our undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and community members with the innovative resources that have earned us top marks in the *Globe and Mail's* annual University Report Survey over the last seven years. Your gift will ensure we are able to maintain this level of service. By partnering with us you will help implement fundamental changes in the way Western Libraries supports teaching, learning and information literacy to faculty and students across campus and beyond.

Thank you for considering to support this initiative.

**To learn more about how Western is educating the next generation of global leaders, please contact:**

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