

McMaster University Office of Community Engagement
Open Access & Knowledge Sharing Lab
Priorities¹

This document provides a summary of priorities for the Office of Community Engagement's Open Access & Knowledge Sharing Lab. The lab will take a systems approach to focus on a combination of the following issues as they relate to Open Access & Knowledge Sharing:

- Open access
- Open data
- Open government
- Community data to inform planning
- Access to research
- Storytelling
- Resource navigation
- Engaged & informed communities
- Community participation in advocacy
- Leadership development
- Democratic engagement
- Research expertise informing City & community planning
- Big data
- Resource guide for communities & neighbourhoods
- Increased voter turnout
- Social entrepreneurship
- Improved accountability & transparency
- Making knowledge accessible & useful

The Office of Community Engagement will take the following steps to develop the Open Access & Knowledge Sharing Lab:

- **Identify co-chairs and partner units, groups, or organizations** to form the lab.
- **Formalize the structure and function of the group** to include goals, budget, and responsibility of members.
- **Plan and facilitate a deliberative dialogue** focused on networking, knowledge sharing, project ideation, and summarizing the goals and objectives of the lab.
- **Develop a longer-term Healthy Spaces & Communities Lab agenda and workplan**
- **Support the formation of new partnerships** through providing catalyst funding and proactively connecting individuals and groups with common research, education, or service interests related to Poverty & Inclusion.

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