

Criteria for Joining EAST

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EAST offers membership for both individual libraries and library groups/consortia. Individual libraries may join as Retention Partners or Supporting Partners. See the [EAST website](#) for more details on these membership types. We encourage libraries to join as Retention Partners* whenever possible, but welcome Supporting Partners who share our goals and may become Retention Partners in the future.

Libraries interested in joining EAST shall:

- Be academic or research libraries
- Be located in the Eastern United States (East of the Mississippi)
- Agree to execute the [EAST Memorandum of Understanding](#) and to abide by the [EAST Major Operating Policies and Procedures](#)
- Commit to pay the annual membership dues required
- Participate as active members of the EAST community, including voting on member issues and operations representation.

Libraries or groups joining as Retention Partners* shall also:

- Have significant or unique monograph collections, which can supplement the existing retention commitments made by EAST members
- Agree to participate in collection analysis of their circulating print collection with the EAST Project Team using the EAST monograph retention commitments as a comparison to their circulating print monograph collections. Options for the collection analysis will be determined in consultation with the library/libraries and the library/libraries will be responsible for payment of one-time fees associated with the collection analysis.
- Agree to commit to the retention of monograph titles per the EAST policies and per a retention model that is agreed to between EAST and the library or libraries. This retention model will include at least those titles that the library holds that are unique to the EAST collective collection as well as additional copies of titles identified as those frequently used.
- Per the EAST Major Operating Policies, agree to provide access to their retained titles to other EAST member libraries using standard inter-library loan.

A library or group of libraries interested in joining EAST should contact the Project Director who shall follow up with any necessary discussions and submit information from the interested library or libraries to the EAST Executive Committee for approval.

*Note: EAST has also completed a serials and journals retention project with commitments of over 29,000 titles. If a library or group is interested in joining subsequent serials and journals projects, please contact the EAST Project Director