



Working with NERL

NERL's Prime Focus

In line with its mission to maximize effective and sustainable access to content, NERL focuses on gaining the best terms, conditions, and pricing for its member institutions when licensing electronic resources.

How do offers work?

All offers to NERL are opt in – NERL does not accept offers that obligate every institution to participate. NERL core members represent both private and public institutions and licenses may need to reflect special requirements of various states' laws.

The preferred pricing model for NERL is a sliding price scale that allows our member institutions the flexibility of managing costs for one-time purchases and ongoing subscriptions.

Please note: Initial NERL member participation in an offer may be smaller the first year than in years to come. All pricing models should be clearly stated (i.e., list pricing must be included) and demonstrate how the license will reward NERL's members for aggregating their spending power, both for the initial year of the proposed license and for the years that follow within the proposed contract.

What does NERL expect in the proposed license?

NERL prefers that vendors use the NERL Model License. When submitting a proposal to the NERL Consortium, vendors need to address the following principles and terms (where applicable):

- Accessibility - Web Content Accessibilities Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0
- Authentication—IP/Shibboleth/Username-Password
- Authors' Rights (for journals/ebook offers)
- Branding (Individual Institutions' Branding Should be Prominent) Ability for Institutions
- Course Packs and Course Reserves (electronic and print)
- Interlibrary Loan Policy (including International ILL)
- MARC Records

- Post-cancellation Rights
- Removal of Advertisement
- Scholarly Sharing
- Service Level Agreements
- Text and Data Mining
- Third-Party Archival System availability
- TRANSFER Compliance—Journals
- Usage Data - COUNTER Compliance

For more complete information please consult the NERL Model License.

Next Steps

Once NERL receives a proposal, NERL staff will contact you to determine whether further information is needed to ensure a complete understanding of your product and licensing terms.

NERL may conduct a poll of its members to determine a threshold of interest in your resource(s). When it is clear that there is strong interest in jointly licensing the resource, NERL will work with you to complete the offer, licensing, and invoicing arrangements.

We believe that through our cooperative efforts, the needs of our users will be well served and that your product/services will receive unparalleled exposure to the best undergraduate, graduate student, and research programs in the United States.

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