

SCAMeL Speedy Startups 2018

Connecting Health Collaborators App Project

The Gibson D. Lewis Health Science Library would like to report the completion of the 2018 SCAMeL Speedy Startups grant. The *Connecting Health Collaborators App* focused on creating a mobile friendly version of the HOPE Directory—a web-based database of local health organizations, programs and events funded by the National Networks of Libraries of Medicine.

Time

The timing of the project was contingent on many connected parts. The project experienced some delays due to broader web farm migrations with the university system central web services. This situation resulted in a later start date and thus a tighter turn around schedule. In normal circumstances, the staff believes that carrying out this project would be feasible and felt that the time was sufficient.

Outcomes

Each of the following outcomes was met:

- 1) develop a mobile friendly application to broaden reach of the HOPE Directory
- 2) improving the application through usability testing
- 3) connected other local areas with this resource

More complete details regarding the process of development and testing is available via the complete summary included with this executive report. The extension of this resource to other areas is facilitated through the [GitHub page](#). Additionally, conference presentations are arranged to increase awareness of this application at the May MLA annual conference.

The translation of the HOPE Directory [hope.hsc.unt.edu] into a mobile friendly version was smooth. With the implementation of jQuery users can now pin the directory via their mobile web browser to their phone home screen, providing the look and feel of a simple application that is easy to access.

While the schedule was difficult due to external circumstances, the only thing we may have done differently was get additional help to execute this project. Multiple deadlines and responsibilities rest with the Web Services Librarian and extra staff to contribute may have eased the burden on her schedule.

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GitHub:

<https://github.com/unthsclibrary/hope-directory/>