

Evolving as a Digital Scholar in a Digital World

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What does it take to become a digitally agile scholar, i.e. to become more digitally proficient as a teacher and researcher? In this workshop we will explain how academics can comfortably navigate the ever-evolving digital world of today and tomorrow and so enhance their digital academic profile. It foregrounds three key domains of digital agility: getting involved in research, education and (community) service, mobilising (digital) skills on various levels, and acting in multiple roles, both individually and interlinked with others.

We will present a three-dimensional framework of different roles and skills associated with evolving as a digital scholar. There is the author, who writes highly specialised texts for expert peers; the storyteller, who crafts accessible narratives to a broader audience in the form of blogs or podcasts; the creator, who uses graphics, audio, and video to motivate audiences to delve deeper into the material; the integrator, who develops and curates multimedia artefacts; and finally the networker, who actively triggers interaction via social media applications and online academic communities. We will offer a blueprint for the future digital scholar as a professional learner and as a “change agent” who is open to and actively pursues innovation. The focus will not be on digital tools themselves. We will provide you with insights, inspiration and practical advice and equip you with some skills and a mindset to harness new digital developments. In order to illustrate the framework in practice we will let you experience it hands-on by using a blog assignment to support your academic work.

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