

## ***RESEARCH (provisional designation)***

### ***Relevance to UMAC and to ICOM***

Research into university museums and collections has grown significantly in the past five years. Currently, several dissertations and research projects are being developed in different parts of the world. Moreover, since the introduction of ICOM student membership fees there has been intense debate on how to increase student involvement in ICOM.

It is crucial to establish bridges between those developing research projects. It is also of paramount importance to compile, organise, and make accessible the bibliography and results of these research projects to UMAC.

***The proposed Working Group Research aims at supporting UMAC*** in order to “facilitate international and regional collaboration to stimulate networking and research...” (from UMAC’s objectives).

### ***Initiator/proponent:***

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### ***Proposed function:***

To create and maintain a network of information exchange for researchers/students concentrating on issues related to university museum and collections. The network will promote an active, two-way exchange between the university museum and collections research community and UMAC members, offering reciprocal advice and insight.

### ***Proposed aims:***

To establish the network by enlisting members, compiling contacts and project information for current researchers and students in the field.

To compile, organise and disseminate relevant research, links and downloadable texts through the creation and maintenance of a website (subsidiary to UMAC’s).

To assist UMAC in the organisation and dissemination of already existing web resources.

To promote increased UMAC conference attendance and paper submissions from students and researchers.

### ***Action plan for 2005-2006 (until UMAC Annual Conference in Mexico City):***

- Compile contacts and recruit members
- Initiate the development of the website
- Develop aims for the period of 2006-2007

### ***Members:***

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