

## **AXS-Net**

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### **Abstract**

A key, but sometimes neglected, aspect of digital curation is research to understand the expectations, needs and user behavior of members of the designated community. Information about how people seek and use primary material, as well as knowledge about how these resources impact on the individuals and organizations who use them is essential for the development of effective systems and services as well robust cost models. AX-SNet, an international network of researchers is working to improve access to archival material by studying how users seek and use archival information and the impact of this use. This presentation will outline the work of AX-SNet focusing predominantly on the Archival Metrics project, research funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation. It will provide an overview of some of the Archival Metrics projects including the Repository of Archival Metrics (ROAM), the development of assessment tools for college and university archives and special collections, and archival impact studies.