

Administrative Survey Open Question Responses

Please tell us what other information resources you would like to see included in the eGranary...

- More information on ICT and the medical field
- More basic sciences and clinical texts for medical students, aside from journals and published papers which are building on the basic knowledge
- Recent journal articles
- Full-text books and journal articles, particularly from Africa
- Tibetan language and culture, arts, history
- More interactive math tools.
- More eBooks and less Wikipedia articles.
- Secondary education materials. GCE, O-level syllabi, etc.
- I'd like to see more tutorials and just general encyclopedic information as well as info on job searching and online practice with forms
- Local content
- More URL addresses and training conducted by the eGranary staff maybe abroad
- Local content from our institution, content about and from Nigeria, the ability to upload our own digital collections to the eGranary.
- I would be glad if eGranary could include subject areas such as engineering, social sciences, natural science, medicine, business and economics.
- Recent books need to be added; our users are complaining about the contents of eGranary. They say they can get better and newer ideas from Google searches.
- Level materials and syllabi
- Academic journals, scientific research findings, etc
- More health
- Many more materials, especially on education, like lesson planning, teaching methodology and so on
- Specific orthopedic medical journals and other specialist medical journals. At the moment there is not enough in eGranary to really excite the surgeons out here. I need to find a local champion to put real time into getting people to want to use it for the College of Medicine to reliably connect to it.
- Education research papers from Africa, emerging issues from Africa, agriculture issues from Malawi, not surrounding countries only, gender and HIV data from Malawi as well
- Current affairs
- Resent study reports, technical reports
- IT, computer science, agriculture, architecture, sport science, engineering,
- More content, frequent updates and more audio/video contents
- Educational researches, technology, agricultural research.

- PubMed, Cochrane Library
- As eGranary is confined to African context, I would suggest that you enlarge the scope of the resources to cover other continents, so that it could also be useful for low-income countries in places other than Africa.
- We would love to see more information on African history, world history, ethics and values, character development, etc
- More US government reports, such as EPA, Labor Dept., etc.
- Tibetan contents
- Information on agricultural information technology
- More specification on nursing legislation, recruitment and retention
- Open content textbooks, e.g. Wikibooks
- Many Tibetan books, which are very expensive
- Materials that encompass all academic disciplines, i.e. both natural, social, health & humanity sciences; education, vocational sciences, engineering and so forth.
- The current version focuses on health related docs. Our users are of various types, so please try to get permission on other topics too, especially technology or engineering contents.
- African language resources including, but not limited to O-level textbooks in science, humanities and social sciences
- Information about Tibetan culture, religion and language
- More teaching resources, videos and animations
- Contents related to Tibetan language, and cultural and religious history.
- More books on the sciences and engineering
- Content targeting secondary school levels, especially math and science.
- Technical, medical informatics and laboratory procedures.
- Information & communication technology journals and books: nursing, economics and accounting etc.
- Alternative/renewable energy plans, research and documentation
- At some point we would like to see some worksites from the Office of Workforce Development or some newspapers with classifieds so our students can practice job searching skills or even Monster or some of those job sites would be helpful.
- More content in science subjects such as physics, chemistry, biology, computer studies, mathematics, history, geography, economics and others to be added.
- General world history, African languages and literature
- Recent publications
- All school curriculum
- Lesson notes for secondary schools, animations for some scientific concepts
- Full-text articles

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Give an example of how the eGranary has impacted a core mission of your institution.

- Students get some useful documents from the eGranary instead of going to the Internet
- One core mission the eGranary has impacted has to do with training students to put facts together into a collective body of knowledge and since the eGranary fosters research, it has really helped this.
- It has added to the information resources of our library
- It lit the candle to lead us more resolutely towards the integration of IT in the curriculum
- It helps for course accreditation.
- Research topics for year-long projects; help students learn how to do research on the real Internet.
- Installation of the eGranary at the EP Basic School in Ashaiman, Ghana, has expanded the boundaries of the traditional libraries and encouraged students to go beyond static texts and explore the rich digital environment provided by eGranary.
- Resource sharing. Having information accessible and categorized.
- Not much impact because of our regular Internet connection. People prefer direct Internet access.
- Currently hard to tell because of lack of user interest
- It has allowed the offenders to get used to looking for information in an Internet-type environment. It has allowed us to add some more technology to classroom assignments.
- Aids research activities and supports learning activities
- It was an excellent input especially to the researchers in the university
- Not any impact yet (mostly my fault for publicity/training).
- None of the University's core missions are crashed by eGranary.
- Providing reading material not in the library has attracted more library members, because of the speed
- We can now access core clinical data quickly and efficiently. It is superb for this.
- In theory it could be a big help to visiting researchers. In practice there is no suitable content in eGranary for them. If we get a user group going and petition the right journals, this could change.
- Lessened the need for Internet by the provision of more books which are accessed through the eGranary and the provision of ICT satisfaction when interacting with eGranary
- The times when the Internet is off and one can still have access to information.
- Promoting self-directed learning
- They helped children in India learn about things that they had no access or info about
- The eGranary helped with the teaching and learning system and for some students, it helped with research ideas

- Gaining information easily. Safe searching of information. Reliable information searching. Accessing content.
- Teachers can get many resources from eGranary.
- Somewhat helpful with training of doctors and management of patients
- It can help healthcare workers find relevant information regarding their focus on terminal HIV patients, such as proper nutrition.
- We have been suggesting the eGranary solution to people from LDC's institutions.
- It has facilitated and enhanced student performance through constant research.
- Provided post-secondary students with the chance to do more authentic research
- Bring children closer to real life information. Learning becomes more enjoyable. Children learn to research. Helps teacher in preparing lessons.
- Providing information for learning, teaching, research and community service
- Since I have newly connected it, it has little impact on the mission of my institution
- Many teachers can draw information from it.
- Providing additional e-resources and opportunities to prepare local content for common use.
- Has reduced the request to get Internet connection, basically because the eGranary doesn't require the Internet to function
- We were suffering due to lack of information resources so the eGranary's contribution to the institution's mission is uncountable.
- Undergraduate students use the eGranary for assignments & term papers whether we have connection to the Internet or not.
- Repository of digital resources that supplements poor or unreliable Internet connection
- Opportunity to search for information in the absence of Internet
- It has helped to bring information closer to the students and lecturers. It has created awareness of what online libraries could be like. For example, a 500-level student has come to get some medical videos to aid his school work.
- None yet. We are looking for a way to use the resource.
- It made the teachers at our school realize how much information is out there and how it can be used to expose students to a whole new world of information.
- Helped spread the use of computers amongst the teachers and students
- Has been of much help during the accreditation exercise where we are deficient in books.
- Students and teachers get useful information relevant to some studied topics at a time.
- It challenges the staff to want to go back to school to acquire degree certificates on a number of relevant disciplines.
- Able to provide computer skill training to hundreds of children in poverty without spending nearly as much on monthly Internet service.
- Nothing because our Internet connection is very fast so I don't think it has much impact.

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- Our students are more savvy with finding information electronically which will make them better workers and citizens when they return to their communities
- Our library has very few books so through this, students can have a wide range of publications and books
- It has enabled students get information that couldn't be gotten from the textbooks in the library.
- Improved the students' areas of research and enhanced their performance with e-learning through the graphics and visual aids.
- We have greatly improved our science resources and economics literature. It is also a good addition to our library's English literature section.
- Students are now able to cite more up-to-date information than before.
- Teacher and student research work has been simplified. Revision work by students is simplified.
- Has enhanced research, teaching and learning

What do you think your institution needs in order to expand utilization of the eGranary Digital Library?

- We need a newer version of the eGranary. We also need some methodologies on how to promote it to our staff.
- Campus-wide intranet
- More computers and avenues for more comprehensive training of all users
- To have eGranary resolve the online updating function. This would provide users with current information.
- Updated version of the eGranary
- We are searching for an Internet provider to link at least two computers
- Full-text books and journals in various fields. Also, the search facility should be improved to allow metadata search.
- A campus-wide area network, so that everyone irrespective of where you are can freely and easily access the database
- Teacher training to use it with their curriculum and instruction, more technical help online, more server updates and maintaining the server.
- Materials for how to integrate the eGranary into classrooms. We'd like to give teachers prepared materials (activities) that they can use for the eGranary immediately. Also, tutorials for new users; an interactive setup for new users to learn how to use the eGranary.
- More eBooks and ability to add our own digital resources here.
- Customized information directly related to user interests
- More staff to supervise the lab.
- More client points, more local content and freedom to add resources.
- Trainings and technical support
- Hold training sessions. Have you developed some training materials?
- Full control of the eGranary software with a view to customize it to take care of our information needs. Robust and fully-integrated network within and around the institution and an effective Internet service
- Technical support; eGranary updates; network expansion and training on eGranary.
- Right now we are upgrading the University's network infrastructure and it will reach all resources to all University communities. But the University wants the eGranary server to contain the up-to-date books, videos, journals, etc.
- Sensitization of staff.
- An updated version and an eGranary that is easy to update maybe from the Internet.
- Better search interface, reduction in broken links
- More advanced computers
- More computers; maybe some formal training

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- A breakthrough with the College of Medicine IT team and Dean next door to us. We have installed a \$5k USD fiber link to their LAN to open up access, but still we cannot get traction on this project. I remain positive that we can crack it, but in one of the slowest, most conservative (and hence poorest) countries in the world, it remains a real challenge! We will get there. Please be patient with us!
- Troubleshooting skills, and searching techniques training skills from WiderNet. Cooperation between us and the service provider.
- More computers.
- Multiple-user eGranary
- Continuous updates, research ideas.
- Due to unstable Internet connection, limited bandwidth and expensive Internet connection service
- We have planned to connect the eGranary with local network.
- Server version of eGranary, improved intra and Internet connections
- More time and training for the staff that have access to it.
- Continued updating and widening of your resources would be helpful
- Electricity in Nigeria is so problematic and so inconsistent, which makes it difficult for students and faculty to use the eGranary
- More student training
- Tibetan contents
- To put the eGranary in a functional order
- Need more servers and not access through the wireless network.
- The materials in the eGranary have to exceed the Internet in all aspects.
- Getting better intranet backbone
- We are 100% committed to it.
- More computers and bandwidth
- Subscribe for more bandwidth.
- Training on how to use the eGranary and its advantages over Internet
- More computers
- We need to get persons trained on how to carry out the installation and use effectively the eGranary saver and database, and also pass this on to others who may be interested
- It would be helpful if the eGranary could be utilized on more than one system at a time. Also, if it was more universally compatible.
- More computers
- We need to have reliable Internet access as well as enough workstation especially for students since most of them can not afford laptops
- Ability to add more materials here by ourselves.

- A better connection with people at WiderNet
- More stable electricity resources, better running computers, and fewer competing demands on teachers.
- With my little experience in the JUTH clinical site of the UniJos Medical School, creating awareness for both students and teachers, and providing technical support & training, especially without Internet at present, the eGranary (newer version) will be of great help, which I'm ready to promote.
- Awareness and training
- Linux client/server support, inexpensive client computers
- Promotion, advertizing
- More staff - we are working on some cooperative arrangements with other departments right now.
- A well laid-out network, powerful computers, and constant power supply
- Get more eGranary libraries. Use of projectors. Train more students and patrons to use the eGranary Digital Library.
- Awareness, training
- A more successful computer network and computer training for teachers.
- We need bigger switches and more computers to increase access to the eGranary Digital Library.
- Need more library sessions on the eGranary
- Internet connection with a bigger bandwidth. More computers in the network.
- More space for eGranary workstations. Improved Internet bandwidth for digital library updates.