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Dear Hydra Steering Committee Members:

I want to thank Mark Bussey of Data Curation Experts for nominating the University of Cincinnati (UC) to become a ProjectHydra partner. With this letter I express our intent to apply for partner status.

The UC Libraries, with UC Information Technology and UC Office of Research as key partners, have made the commitment to developing the university's next-generation digital repository. Having relied on the OhioLINK provided DSpace repository for the last seven years, we are now prepared to develop a new repository on the flexible and scalable platform that Hydra provides.

In addition to Hydra's technical framework, the strength and commitment of the Hydra community was a key factor in our decision to seek membership. The power of collaborative development is undeniable, and Hydra partners appear to do this in exemplary fashion.

UC commits to participating in the Hydra community in at least the following ways: code contribution, documentation, design contribution, participation in user and special interest groups, and project evangelism. As our initial intensive development effort progresses, I assure you that our contributions will expand.

I look forward to our full participation in Hydra and to the many collaborative opportunities membership will offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Xuemao Wang'.

Xuemao Wang
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