



Horizon Project Advisory Board

Project Description

The Horizon Project is an ongoing effort of the NMC designed to surface promising new avenues in the applications of technology to teaching, learning, and creative expression in higher education. Using interviews and secondary research to inform discussion and dialog, the project staff will work with an Advisory Board to annually identify promising technologies over three time-to-adoption horizons — one year, two to three years, and four to five years.

Horizon Report

An annual publication, entitled the *Horizon Report*, describes 6 to 8 of these technologies, highlights their potential relevance to teaching, learning and/or creative expression, and identifies promising applications or examples. The *Report*, published in both monograph and electronic forms, is released with a Creative Commons license to facilitate broad distribution. (The *2005 Horizon Report* is available at www.nmc.org/horizon.)

The audience for this publication is twofold: higher education practitioners in information technology, academic computing or technology who are charged with the development or support of instructional technology, as well as select faculty, campus leaders, deans, provosts.

Advisory Board

The Horizon Project Advisory Board provides vision and stimulus to the Horizon Project, and its work informs the annual Horizon Report. The Board, a small multi-disciplinary group of thinkers from both within and outside higher education, will engage in dialog and discussions about potential collaborative, learning, or creative applications of emerging technologies — most of which may not be obvious. Participation on the Horizon Project Advisory Board is by invitation, and participants are honored with a special listing and acknowledgement in the *Horizon Report*.

The Advisory Board will use a knowledge web framework for its discussions, drawing on a collection of tools and processes to enable knowledge sharing, knowledge generation, dialog and discussion, and discovery between and among its participants.

Commitment

Service on the NMC's Horizon Project Advisory Board requires only a small commitment of time that is limited to the fall of 2005. Members will meet face-to-face once for a half day October 5, 2005, at Yale University. Online meetings, conference calls, or email may require an additional investment of 3-4 hours spread across September, November, and December. As its final task, the Advisory Board will be asked to review and comment upon the draft 2006 Horizon Report when it is in the prepublication stage.

Costs

Service on the Advisory Board is voluntary, and at this time, neither honoraria nor support for participation are available. The primary costs will include the investment of time required for participation, and travel to the face-to-face meeting.