

# Joint ARL & CNI Task Force on Scenario Planning for AI and Machine-Learning Futures

## Purpose

Reporting jointly to ARL and CNI, the purpose of this task force is to articulate a set of scenarios for **possible futures for the research enterprise that are heavily shaped by recent developments in AI and machine-learning**, with a particular emphasis on generative AI. The purpose is to help the ARL and CNI communities—and, indeed, the broader public—to better understand the possible outcomes of developments and policy choices, rather than to predict the future. The hope is that these materials will also be useful as a starting point for further discussions and strategic planning among and within CNI and ARL member institutions. For ARL, the task force will be part of the Scholars and Scholarship Committee.

## Charge

The Joint ARL/CNI Task Force on Scenario Planning for AI and Machine-Learning Futures is a joint ARL and CNI task force chartered through June 7, 2024, charged with representing and reflecting the ARL and CNI membership in a Canadian and US effort to develop a set of possible futures in a future heavily influenced by AI technologies.

## Membership

- ARL and CNI will each contribute a maximum of six members to the task force. Members of the task force will represent ARL or CNI institutions; they need not be designated member representatives to the respective organizations. ARL and CNI will coordinate appointments to the task force so that no institution will have more than one representative on the task force.
- The director of Science Policy and Scholarship will be the ARL staff lead and an ex-officio member of the task force.
- The CNI executive director will be the CNI staff lead and an ex-officio member of the task force.

## **Terms**

Task force members shall serve a term that ends on June 7, 2024.

## **Meetings**

The task force meets as needed to conduct the work of its charge; the expectation is that the vast majority of the meetings will be held via Zoom, and that the group will meet roughly once a month.

## **Responsibilities**

- Publish a set of possible AI-influenced scenarios based in the research enterprise.
- Identify opportunities to engage representatives of ARL and CNI member organizations in developing and engaging these scenarios.

## **Code of Conduct**

The committee adheres to the [ARL Code of Conduct](#) in all of its deliberations and activities.