

BOLD

Research Network

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what

The *Blended Online Learning Design (BOLD)* initiative is an emerging network of researchers in instructional design and technology (IDT) interested specifically in instructional design, blended learning, distance education/online learning and graduate studies.



why

The goal is the creation of a community of inquiry to experiment with various forms of blended online learning environments at dual-mode universities (offering courses both on campus and online) in order to solve educational design related problems in higher education, with a special focus on graduate studies.

This research will also monitor emerging trends with regard to borderless and transnational education in order to offer universities better ways of dealing with outreach in the context of globalization.

where

Accessing the BOLD Website, researchers from all over the world will have a place to gather, exchange views, read publications and attend online conferences, in a cost-effective and user-friendly way.

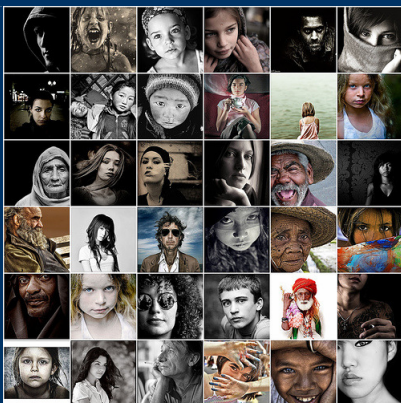
when

The BOLD Website will be maintained by the research community at large. People can log in to their account, use the wiki or the forum to interact and add to their own page at their convenience.

How

Several language-based networks are currently being organized to allow researchers more freedom in developing ideas and models within their own language group and based on their specific conditions. BOLD encompasses an English-speaking researchers network, a French-speaking researchers network, an Arabic-speaking researchers network and new networks are emerging in German, Portugues, Spanish, Chinese and Russian.

So BOLD is...



- The opportunity to better understand and act upon some of the basic issues surrounding the design, redesign and delivery of blended online learning.
- The chance to work with researchers worldwide interested in similar undertakings.
- The opportunity for rich discussions and exchanges of views with peers.
- The opportunity to get involved in a dynamic community of inquiry.
- The opportunity for joint research projects and publishing ventures.