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Dear Prof. Slaybaugh,

I am delighted to support your proposal on Assessing the Impact of Intensive Software Skills and look forward to providing space, outreach, and assistance in locating and supporting the assessment position. I am certain that D-Lab can be a strong partner as you carry out this project, and I look forward to continuing exchange with you and your team.

D-Lab's mission is to create cross-disciplinary resources for high-level training and support services for social science researchers campus-wide. It does this by adaptively building new forms of shared infrastructure, including consulting and workshops in research tools and methods, and fostering discovery and connections with the pools of expertise and offerings of our departments and professional schools. As a new research unit at Berkeley, we have been actively involved in teaching software tools. We are ourselves engaged in evaluating students' experiences with those trainings and adapting subsequent trainings in response to our evaluations, and we are enthusiastic supporters of campus efforts to broaden this approach to teaching.

You would be welcome to take advantage of D-Lab's platform to recruit other partners, particularly in developing and implementing assessment strategies and tools, and to offer public presentations or trainings. I am confident that we can develop further concrete ways to support you in your trainings and assessments.

Yours truly,

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