**The Center for Humanities and Information**

**Digital Humanities Grants**

The College of the Liberal Arts has created the Digital Humanities Grants program to provide seed funding for digital research projects in the humanities that are likely to produce excellent scholarship and raise the profile of humanities research at Penn State. These grants will be awarded once per year, with the request for proposals issued each Spring semester.

Awards of up to $10,000 per year may be granted for each accepted proposal. **For the 2021 application cycle, awards will only be for one year.**

**Recent successful applicants who were only funded for one year are welcome to apply again this year for another year of funding for their projects.**

It is expected that the projects funded by these grants will use the preliminary evidence generated to pursue external funding.

**Eligibility**

Tenured and tenure-track faculty in the Liberal Arts are eligible to apply for Digital Humanities Grants. We welcome applications from interdisciplinary teams that include members from other colleges and units internal to Penn State, but the Principal Investigator must have an appointment in the College of the Liberal Arts.

**Use of Funds**

Grant funds **may be used** to support:

* Collaboration with leading innovators and researchers in the field.
* Training in new research methods, including computer-oriented or statistical methods.
* Technologies or equipment required by the project that are not normally provided by the departments and colleges.
* Wages for project employees.
* Graduate assistant stipends.

Grant funds **may not be used** to support:

* Course buyouts.
* Computer hardware, software, or other services that are normally provided by departments and colleges.
* Note that at the time of posting, university-affiliated travel is suspended and we cannot fund travel-related budget items.

**Funding Priorities**

Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate:

* Considerable promise for enhancing humanities scholarship through the use of digital technologies.
* The potential to generate proposals for external funding.
* Collaborative efforts among faculty and staff from different departments, units, and colleges at Penn State.
* Collaborations with other institutions.

**Proposal Submission Guidelines**

Proposals should have the following components:

1. Project Summary (1 page):
   1. Designated Principal Investigator (primary point of contact)
   2. Title of project
   3. Abstract (limited to 200 words)
   4. Names, Titles, Colleges, and Campuses of Team Members
   5. Amount requested
   6. Brief Project Timeline
2. Project Narrative (1-3 pages):
   * + 1. Explanation of the scholarly significance of the work.
       2. Brief description of any pertinent research already conducted.
       3. A description of the project’s structure and goals (what do you want to do? what will you accomplish?)
       4. Detailed timeline for the study.
       5. Team proposals should include proposed roles for each team member.
       6. Itemized budget request.
       7. Proposed outcomes, including funding opportunities to be pursued and potential publication/presentation venues.

**Submission Process**

* Proposals are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2021.
* Please submit proposals (as PDF files) to John Russell (jer308@psu.edu).
* Funding decisions will be announced within four weeks of the proposal submission deadline.

**Expectations of Grant Recipients**

PIs of funded proposals will be expected to:

* Within 6 months of the grant project’s completion, submit a brief (1-2 pages) summary of the achieved project outcomes. This summary should include any publications or presentations that resulted from the grant-funded work.
* Publish and/or present results in appropriate scholarly venues.
* Adhere to Penn State research and intellectual property policies.
* Apply for external funding.

Potential applicants are welcome to contact John Russell (jer308@psu.edu) with questions about the grant or their proposal.