UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA

EASTERN ARC: DIGITAL HUMANITIES TRAINING FUND GUIDANCE

The Universities of East Anglia, Essex and Kent, have established an academic research consortium (Eastern ARC or EARC) to form a significant new force in research collaboration and training in the areas of Digital Humanities, Quantitative Social Sciences and Synthetic Biology.

To support this, the UEA Digital Humanities incubator (UEADHi) is running a training fund to allow one member of faculty (ATR or ATS) and one postgraduate researcher to attend the Digital Humanities at Oxford Summer School (DHOxSS) which is taking place from July 2-6, 2018 at Keble College. The Summer School is one of the leading intensive training schemes in Digital Humanities in the UK, and is intended to cater to a broad range of competencies from beginner to expert.

This fund is designed to offer financial support to staff and PGRs for intensive training in Digital Humanities in order to promote and enhance development in research and/or scholarship. In the case of staff, there is also an expectation that their attendance will develop capacity and expertise in Digital Humanities at UEA, and lead to concrete outcomes that include:

- External funding applications;
- High quality research outputs (for instance, where staff could combine their research with Digital Humanities methods to deliver publications likely to be rated in the REF as 3* or 4*);
- Impact and outreach activities;
- Innovations in the undergraduate or postgraduate teaching programmes.

The fund is not designed to support costs associated with developing workshops: if you are interested in developing collaborative workshops then please refer to the **EARC Digital Humanities Collaborative Workshop Fund**. Awards will only be made to ATR and ATS staff and PGRs at UEA, and cannot be transferred to other institutions. The award will cover registration, accommodation and subsistence to a maximum value of £1,600 (staff) or £1,400 (PGR) to take into account the lower cost of student registration. All spending will be in line with the current travel and subsistence rates as outlined by the Finance Department and cover necessary expenditures incurred by attending the Summer School. Claims for expenses should be submitted by the end of the University's financial year: July 2018. This is not a cash award. Unspent funds will be returned to the DH budget.

The Deadline for applications is **Friday 26th January 2018.**

Application Procedure

Applications should be made using the Eastern ARC Digital Humanities Training Fund application form.

The selection criteria are:

Staff:

- Ability for training to lead to high quality publications, grant applications, impact, training or teaching innovation;
- Relevance of training to wider programme of research and/or scholarship;
- Interdisciplinary or inter-school relevance;
- Importance of Digital Humanities training in supporting the applicant's professional development.

PGR Students:

- Relevance of training to wider programme of research;
- Ability for training to further the applicant's research agenda and/or profile;
- Importance of Digital Humanities training in supporting the applicant's professional development.

Applications will be considered by a panel consisting of the DH Fellow, DH Manager, and AD Research (HUM).

Applications must be submitted electronically by **26th January 2018** to Paul Gooding (p.gooding@uea.ac.uk), and copied to the Research Director (*for staff applications)* or PGR Director (*for PGR applications)* in the applicant's school.

For the academic year 2017-18, total available funding is £3,000, consisting of £1,600 for a staff member and £1,400 for a PGR student.

Potential applicants can contact the DH Research Fellow (p.gooding@uea.ac.uk), Digital Humanities Manager (n.zubair@uea.ac.uk) and Eastern ARC Officer (Alison.Cooper@uea.ac.uk) for further information and advice. Applicants are expected to provide receipts to the officer before the 31st July 2018 for processing in the 2017/18 financial year.

At the conclusion of a project, a short report on the outcomes of the training must be completed. Applicants must also produce a short blogpost for the UEADHi website, outlining their experiences. Failure to provide a report and blogpost will make the applicant ineligible to receive future EARC funds.