UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA

EASTERN ARC: DIGITAL HUMANITIES COLLABORATIVE

WORKSHOP 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 Digital Humanities theme is running a 2017/18 Collaborative Workshop fund with awards of up to £1,500 per successful applicant. The award is designed to offer financial support to staff and PGRs for collaborative workshops that promote and enhance collaboration in DH across Eastern ARC institutions. It will support activities or initiatives that have the intention of creating new collaborations or support existing collaborations across the Eastern ARC that will lead to:

- External funding applications;
- High quality research outputs (publications likely to be rated in the REF as 3* or 4*);
- Impact case studies;
- Building capacity, skills or expertise in Digital Humanities;

A few examples of activities or initiatives that the panel consider to support these outcomes include:

- Costs associated with running workshops, seminars, dissemination, PGR colloquiums or networking events;
- Travel costs for collaborative work with colleagues within EARC institutions;
- Costs associated with running training sessions in DH methods or analysis.

At this stage, the fund does not support costs associated with research, such conference attendance or teaching buyout, purchase of datasets, purchase of equipment, or travel to archives. Publication costs (e.g. APCs) are also excluded. The Panel will consider supporting any activities that make a strategically valuable contribution to the development of DH at UEA and across the Eastern ARC. Awards will only be made to staff or PGRs at UEA and cannot be transferred to other institutions. All costs should be in line with the current Travel and Subsistence rates as outlined by the Finance Department. Awards should be spent as specified in the initial application by the end of the University's financial year: July 2018. Unspent funds must be returned to the DH budget in due course.

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

Application Procedure

Applications should be made using the Eastern ARC DH Collaborative Workshop Fund application form.

The selection criteria are:

- Ability to support Eastern ARC collaborations in Digital Humanities (bids must include at least one other Eastern ARC institution);
- Ability to generate either high quality research bids, outputs, or impact;
- Value for money, including realistic assessment of audience for training or open workshops;
- Novelty/innovation and timeliness;
- Interdisciplinary or Inter-School relevance.

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. The maximum amount awarded to one application will be £1,500.

Support is available from the 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 identifying potential collaborators at Kent and Essex, and for publicising events or activities across the Eastern ARC. Applicants are expected to work with the Officer to ensure relevant activities are publicised on the Eastern ARC website where applicable.

At the conclusion of a project, a short report on how the funds were used must be completed. Non-receipt of a report or submission of an unsatisfactory report will make the applicant ineligible to receive future EARC funds.