JHI - UTSC Digital Scholars Fellowship Announcement

With support from the Office of the Vice-Principal Research, UTSC, UTSC Library, the Office of the Dean, UTSC, and the Jackman Humanities Institute (JHI) announce the support of up to five new 18-month digital scholarship pilot projects: one fellowship for 2017-18; two for 2019-20; and, if funding is approved, two more for 2021-22.

Each fellow will lead a team involving undergraduate and graduate students and library staff. The team will produce the following outcomes:

- a grant proposal (SSHRC, Early Researcher Award, or other);
- curricular innovation;
- advancement on a scholarly project; and
- participation in JHI’s Digital Humanities Network (DHN).

Eligibility

All research faculty in the humanities and interpretive social sciences who hold their main budgetary appointment at UTSC. Applications are open to all tenure stream research faculty, but preference will be given to those 4-12 years post-PhD (with accommodation for career interruptions).

Application

Applications open 15 January and are due 31 March 2017. Applications should include, the applicant’s academic cv; the attached coversheet, including signature from the applicant’s department chair; a prospective budget in .csv (Excel) format for up to $45,000 CAD; and a detailed description of the project over four to six single-spaced pages (12pt Times New Roman, 20mm margins), including:

- an executive summary;
- a description of the project concept, including a brief survey of relevant scholarship and account of the potential impact of the project on the applicant's field;
- a description of work already undertaken to explore digital methods for research;
- an assessment of the project’s feasibility, including planning around collaboration, student training, fundraising, and the dissemination and long-term sustainability of project results;
- budget justification for up to $45,000CAD, excluding library and space costs (which will be provided in kind by UTSC) but including all other salaries and expenses;
- a description of the relevant aspects of the applicant’s track record, including
significant publications and experience with collaborative graduate and undergraduate student research.

Please compile all documentation into a single .pdf, and email it to Alexandra Gillespie (alexandra.gillespie@utoronto.ca) by March 31st.

Support will be available to applicants before the deadline:

- There will be one or two preliminary meetings with short presentations by some of the following:
  - (1) members of the JHI DH Network;
  - (2) researchers and technologists from UTSC Library;
  - (3) faculty involved with UTSC’s Computer Science undergraduate program;
  - (4) representatives of the JHI-UTSC committee administering the awards.

Presentations at these meetings will aim to model the kind of opportunities that digital methods and tools present to researchers relatively new to DH.

- Applicants will be invited to contact and/or meet with JHI-DHN Postdoctoral Fellow (Elizabeth Parke for 2016-17) to discuss the possible shape of their projects, the content of their applications, and resources available in the short term.

Support will be available to applicants after the selection of the 2017-18 DH Fellow:

- In May 2017, JHI will host training seminars for all applicants, successful and unsuccessful, targeted at individual applicants’ digital training needs.

- During Summer and Fall semesters of 2017, the JHI-UTSC Digital Scholar will work in close consultation with librarians and technologists from UTSC Library to design their project and assemble their collaborative project team, including UTSC undergraduate students from their home and – where relevant – other departments.

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- From January to December 2018, the first JHI-UTSC Digital Scholar will work on concrete outcomes, including – where relevant:
  - (1) proof-of-concept technological demonstrations;
  - (2) new components of undergraduate courses and other student training initiatives;
  - (3) publications, especially papers and posters designed to gather feedback and embed the project in national and international research networks;
  - (4) grant proposal/s.
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