

Introduction to Starting and Sustaining DH Centres

Maximum Number of Participants: 15-20

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Facilitator(s):

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Overview:

Digital Humanities is growing in scale from a series projects undertaken by a couple of individuals to institutionally-based organizations, with larger budgets and mandates, beyond other factors. How can a group of interested researchers, academic staff, librarians and other invested stakeholders work together to create such a centre? This half-day workshop will address this question by exploring issues related to scaling operations from the individual to a centre, determining the appropriate organizational model, developing the plan which situates the DH centre in the academic institution's and other stakeholders' mandates, communicating to administration to gain support and resources, structuring memorandums of understanding between partners, and other issues. It builds on centerNet's initiatives to support center startups with information and tools, which include the DHCenterStartUp listserv and resources page (<http://digitalhumanities.org/centernet/resources-for-starting-and-sustaining-dh-centers/>).

Audience:

The target audience is individuals interested in starting a Digital Humanities center at their institution.