**Title:** Digital Humanities Collaboration Bootcamp

**Participants**

The DH Bootcamp will serve 60 participants, focusing on first-time Digital Humanities (DH) practitioners to be determined, with support from members of the Digital Humanities Working Group, Digital Humanities Library Group, and Research Computing, and others. First-time DH practitioners will be invited based on consultation with department administrators for departments with humanities-related research, including the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and College of Arts. Participants will be invited to ensure diverse representation from across campus and to participate in small group activities during the DH Bootcamp. The small groups are expected to be approximately five people, ideally comprised of one mentor/facilitator, two humanities scholars, one non-humanities scholar, and one resource person.

**DH Bootcamp**

The Libraries request $14,936 to support an intensive two-day Digital Humanities (DH) Bootcamp to grow a culture of radical collaboration across campus. The DH Bootcamp will serve 60, with the majority being first-time DH practitioners by providing multiple trainings for skill development which will be used to create new instructional materials for infusing DH within courses. This initial start-up activity will train faculty and graduate students to enhance teaching and research practices with new technologies and highly collaborative approaches. Participants will train and plan in groups of five. Groups will be organized to reach a mix of disciplines and experience.

The dh bootcamp will require four trainers throughout the full two-day DH Bootcamp, plus a graduate student coordinator for planning and logistics. The Libraries will sponsor meeting spaces, technology support, and food. Trainers will cover Introduction to DH, DH Project Development, Text and Data Mining and Visualization, Online Publishing and Digital Scholarship, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and the Cultural Significance of Visualization, Teaching with Technology, and other topics to be determined.

The DH Bootcamp will leverage and build upon significant multidisciplinary accomplishments achieved by the UF’s Digital Humanities Working Group (DHWG). The DHWG (194 email list participants) is a campus-wide group/forum for sharing ideas, developing collaborations, and planning projects. The DHWG came together based on broad interest across UF, and has produced well-attended multidisciplinary events (e.g., guest speakers, special trainings, annual UF DH Day, and THATCamp-Gainesville), and grant-sponsored opportunities. DHWG participants have requested a bootcamp-style training format. These training programs are available in Canada and in Indiana, requiring funds for travel and registration/tuition fees. The lack of intensive training has inhibited UF faculty and graduate students from adopting, implementing, and developing DH activities for inclusion in research projects and curricula.

**Evaluation Method**

The DH Bootcamp Project Team will seek IRB approval for evaluation processes, and will design mechanisms to track results of the two-day training session. Each participant will complete a pre-Bootcamp survey eliciting information about current and desired skills, comfort-level related to DH activities in research and teaching, and past experience collaborating with others in the humanities, and
beyond. To gauge the degree of Bootcamp success, each participant will agree to create a three minute video sharing answers to questions related to these themes approximately one month after Bootcamp completion. With permission from video contributors, videos will be shared with other participants as a means of contributing to this newly formed community of practice. Video remarks will be coded and a report will be produced to disseminate results more broadly.

Anticipated outputs and outcomes stemming from the DH Bootcamp include: 1) increased technical skills and collaborative project experience, 2) draft DH teaching materials, 3) DH presentations by participants at THATCamp-Gainesville, 4) increased DH activities across campus, 5) increased participation by humanists in collaborative projects, 6) new mentoring relationships established at the Bootcamp, 6) greater awareness of UF resources and resource people (e.g., Research Computing, Libraries), and 7) expected increases in the number of proposals submitted to the Center for the Humanities & the Public Sphere for the humanities team-taught course grants.

Budget Outline

The DH Bootcamp will require four trainers throughout the full two-day DH Bootcamp, plus a graduate student coordinator for planning and logistics, for a total of $14,936. The Libraries will sponsor meeting spaces, technology support, and food.

Visiting Expert Trainers (4), each $3,225 (inclusive of stipend as well as travel and lodging): $12,900

Graduate Student Coordinator (1), for 20 hours/week for 7 weeks: $2,036