

**2011-2012 Smathers Libraries Mini Grant
APPLICATION COVER SHEET
Application due: Monday, October 3, 2011, 5:00 PM**

 x Check here if this is your first grant application where you will be serving as a principal investigator (PI).

Principal Investigator (PI) Name: Blake Landor

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Additional project applicants, please give name, email, and brief role for each:

Gerald Langford, gerlang@uflib.ufl.edu, co-PI, project organizer

Title of grant application project: **Cataloging of Online Classical Latin Texts from the Packard Humanities Institute**

Project abstract (no more than 100 words):

The Packard Humanities Institute recently placed on the web (<http://latin.packhum.org/index>) its searchable collection of approximately 350 Latin authors from the classical period (and some from late antiquity) which had previously been available only in CD-ROM format. The transition to an open source web environment has caused excitement both among scholars and among subject librarians as a breakthrough in digital humanities; all of Latin literature will now be more accessible than ever even to casual researchers. This project will build on that accessibility by creating MARC records with durable URLs linked to the online texts in the PHI repository, which will be shared with other institutions.

Funds requested (Limit of \$5,000): \$1,692.00

Describe how the 10% mandatory cost share will be met (be specific):

Gerald Langford will train the OPS worker and review the MARC records he or she creates. He will create a zip file of the records that will be publicly available. 2.0% of Gerald's yearly salary amounts to \$1,047.00 cost share.

Blake Landor will serve as a consultant for questions on the intellectual content of the MARC records.

Please list the library resources to be used in this project and the name of the person authorizing the intended use and date authorized. Each authorizing person must initial their approval and availability of resources for this project. If you need more room, continue on a separate page.

Resources Required for Project as applicable including cost share contributions	Authorizing Individual	Approving Initials	Date Authorized
Cataloging/Metadata	Betsy Simpson	<i>[Signature]</i>	10/3/11

Submitted by:

Blake Landor
PI Signature

10/3/2011
Date

Approved by:

Jana Rovon
Dept. Chair Signature

10/3/11
Date

Cataloging of Online Classical Latin Texts from the Packard Humanities Institute

Project Proposal Narrative

Introduction:

PHI CD ROM #5.3, published by the Packard Humanities Institute, is a full-text database of around 350 classical Latin authors (virtually all Latin literature up to 200 C.E. and some later texts as well) based upon the best editions available at the time of publication in 1991. It is the standard database of keyword searchable classical Latin material that students and scholars use for their research. This database was recently made freely available and given a durable URL on the web (<http://latin.packhum.org/index>).

a. Project Description:

The goal of this project is to make these literary texts more accessible to library users by linking to them from catalog records both at UF and potentially also at other academic libraries. To achieve this, the project team will hire and train an OPS worker to download the MARC records that were created in connection with the CD ROM editions; modify these records to create new original records with links to the online resources; and create a zip file of the new MARC records for use by other academic libraries. In addition to adding links to the PHI online editions of the texts, the project team will add call numbers as additional access points.

b. Project Importance:

The MARC records will provide access points for users which will show up in searches of the OPAC for Latin literary texts. This will potentially increase the use of the PHI online database by scholars, students, and patrons. The potential user groups at UF will include first students or scholars interested in reading Latin authors in the original language in standard editions. Second, it will include people searching for uses of Latin words in ancient literature or who are just trying to track down Latin quotes. Since the PHI database essentially includes all of Latin literature, it is the best resource for this type of query. Third, it will include anyone whose bibliographic research includes references to Latin literature. I estimate the total number of people who fall into these three groups in a given year to be several hundred; stretched over a decade, this would be several thousand UF-affiliated people who would potentially benefit from this project. Since we will also provide the completed catalog records to other academic libraries, the potential impact of this project is even greater since it includes the users of any academic library whose interests include Latin authors.

To quote finally from the Chair of the Classics Dept., Prof Victoria Pagan: "Units that will benefit from this service [i.e. the cataloging of the PHI texts] include, but are not restricted to: CLAS Humanities Departments, especially Classics, History, Religion, Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Center for Greek Studies, Center for European Studies; Fine Arts Departments, especially Art and Art History; College of Law, especially scholars of ancient Roman law; and the College of Education, especially scholars of the history of liberal arts education. The value of the proposal to integrate the PHI Latin Classical Texts with the UF Library Catalogue is precisely the unlimited access to all members of the UF community."

c. Comparisons to Other Projects:

In reviewing the potential benefits or pitfalls of this project, other projects can provide both positive and negative paradigms for consideration. Examples of positive models are ACLS Humanities E-Book Project (formerly, the History E-Book Project), Chadwyck-Healey's Early English Books Online, and Oxford Bibliographies Online. These projects, which conform to the highest standards for projects of this type, provide full cataloging MARC records for the individual texts. The MARC records are either purchased separately or donated by the publishers as part of the subscription. PHI's CD ROM #5.3 (the CD-ROM prototype for our project) contains the Latin texts from which Columbia University contributed the fully cataloged records to OCLC. Thus, the cataloging project that the catalogers at Columbia University undertook for the CD ROM is identical in scope and purpose to our proposed mini grant project, which will modify the records created for the CD ROM and link to the web version of the same database.

All the aforementioned projects, which created full cataloging records for humanities scholarly or primary source books, provided useful metadata and access points for researchers. Project Gutenberg, like the PHI Latin texts database, is a repository of ebooks that are freely available in html and simple text formats (as well as epub and Kindle). That is its plus. On the minus side, in contrast to the previously mentioned projects, the catalog records for the Gutenberg project (which we receive from Serials Solutions) are minimal and of limited value to researchers. Another negative paradigm for this project is the repositories of Latin texts freely available on the web, but which do not contain authoritative editions. An exception to the latter is the Perseus Digital Library of Greek and Roman materials, which does contain authoritative editions of texts but is not as comprehensive for Latin editions as the PHI database.

d. Resources Needed

The OPS worker will be hired to work 15 hours/week for 11 weeks, for a total of 165 hours. He or she will use one of the general use computers in the Cataloging & Metadata Department. The worker will be trained in searching for MARC records in the OCLC database and modifying them to create new MARC records. The worker will also be trained in searching for standardized forms of names and titles in the LC (Library of Congress)/NACO authority file. He or she will be trained to search the LC catalog and use the LC classification schedules in order to assign call numbers and, occasionally, subject headings.

The lead PI will serve as a consultant for the co-PI and the OPS worker for questions on the intellectual content of the MARC records. He will spend a total of 10 hours on the project.

The co-PI will serve as project organizer and will spend a total of 40 hours on the project. He will train the OPS worker, review the new MARC records created, answer cataloging questions, and consult with the lead PI as needed. After the cataloging is completed, he will place a zip file of the MARC records in a publicly-accessible area on the library server.

e. Action Plan

Timeframe	Activity	Person(s) Responsible
November 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hire and train OPS staff member • Create list of authors in PHI that will receive separate cataloging for individual texts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G. Langford • B. Landor/G. Langford
December 2011- August 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify OCLC records corresponding to the editions in PHI CD ROM. Use these records to create new MARC records in OCLC for texts in PHI database. Add a 588 field to the records that indicates that they are Creative Commons/CC0 compliant • Review records created by OPS staff member • Export MARC records from OCLC to Aleph • Answer OPS staff member's questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPS staff member • G. Langford • OPS staff member • G. Langford/B. Landor
September 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extract file of MARC records from Aleph and create zip file of records • Link to the file from an existing web page (e.g. the Classics <u>libguide</u> and/or the Cataloging & Metadata Department's <u>Creative Commons CC0 policy statement</u> page). • Create brief summary of the contents of the file to be put on the web site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G. Langford • B. Landor/G. Langford • B. Landor/G. Langford
October 2012	Publicize the file to the library and classics community.	B. Landor

f. Collection Specifics:

The texts are owned by the Packard Humanities Institute (<http://latin.packhum.org/index>) and are covered by the "Fair Use" principles of copyright law. The MARC records we will be modifying are available to us as members of the OCLC cooperative. We will be creating new records in OCLC for the online texts. As original records created by us, we are able to share them freely and will do so under a Creative Commons CC0 public domain dedication.

g. Measuring Impact

The final product will be over six hundred MARC records of original cataloging. Specifically, four hundred and twenty-six OCLC records that were created for the PHI CD ROM will be modified to create new records for the same works online. Another thirty-three records that were created for authors' collective works will be the basis for creating 180 new records for single works. All these originally cataloged records will be downloaded to Aleph and copied to a zip file which will be linked to for the benefit of other libraries under a Creative Commons CC0 public domain dedication. The expected results of this product will be increased use of the PHI database to the benefit of Humanities researchers, but the project team does not have an instrument that can control for the influence of this project alone in the database's use. As for the projected use of our catalog records that we anticipate this project will create, see under b) above.

j. Mini Grant Budget

1. Salaries and Wages (no fringe benefits required)

Name of Person	Salary times % of effort	Grant Funds	Cost Share	Total
Blake Landor, PI	85,635 x 0.5%	\$0.00	\$428.00	\$428.00
Gerald Langford, Co-PI	52,332 x 2.0%	\$0.00	\$1,047.00	\$1,047.00
OPS worker	\$10/hr, 15hr/wk, 11 wks	\$1,692.90	\$0.00	\$1,692.90
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL		\$1,692.90	\$1,475.00	\$3,167.90

2. Equipment

Item	Quantity times Cost	Grant Funds	Cost Share	Total
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

3. Supplies

Item	Quantity times Cost	Grant Funds	Cost Share	Total
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

4. Travel

From/To	# of people/# of days	Grant Funds	Cost Share	Total
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

5. Other (services vended, etc.)

Item	Quantity times cost	Grant Funds	Cost Share	Total
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	Grant Funds	Cost Share	Total
Total Direct Costs (add subtotals of items 1-5)	\$1,692.90	\$1,475.00	\$3,167.90

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From: Pagan, Victoria Emma
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 9:20 AM
To: Landor, Blake
Subject: PHI Latin Classical Texts mini-grant

Dear Blake,

On behalf of the Department of Classics, I would like to express our firm support of the proposal to link the Packard Humanities Institute (PHI) Latin Classical Texts with the UF Library Catalogue. By integrating this valuable resource with the UF catalogue, students and faculty will have at their disposal the largest, most accurate collection of Latin texts available online. Unlike the Thesaurus Linguae Graecae (TLG), which requires a substantial subscription even though it relied on PHI for the digital version of the Greek texts it provides, the PHI Latin texts do not require a subscription. By integrating this no-cost resource into its catalogue, UF increases significantly the value of its collection.

For a modest investment in OPS resources, the returns are permanent. Units that will benefit from this service include, but are not restricted to: CLAS Humanities Departments, especially Classics, History, Religion, Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Center for Greek Studies, Center for European Studies; Fine Arts Departments, especially Art and Art History; College of Law, especially scholars of ancient Roman law; and the College of Education, especially scholars of the history of liberal arts education. The value of the proposal to integrate the PHI Latin Classical Texts with the UF Library Catalogue is precisely the unlimited access to all members of the UF community.

Thank you very much for your initiative. We are, as always, grateful to you and to the Libraries for your continued support of Classics as we fulfill our mission in research. We couldn't do it without you.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance in advancing the success of your proposal.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Charles E. Jones [mailto:cejo@uchicago.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 5:01 PM
To: Landor,Blake
Subject: Letter of support for your project on the Classical Latin Texts

Dear Blake,

I am delighted to send this letter in support of your proposal to undertake responsibility for cataloging "Classical Latin Texts: A Resource Prepared by The Packard Humanities Institute" which was recently published in an accessible form online at <http://latin.packhum.org/index>

For years, this best collection of searchable texts (approximately 350 authors, representing almost all classical literary texts up to 200 CE - with a handful of later authors) from Latin antiquity was accessible only the Packard Humanities Institute PHI CD-ROM #5.3, and then generally only under controlled circumstances in some university libraries. That it is now accessible online represents a milestone in the development of open digital materials relating to the ancient world, and offers exciting new possibilities for the use of open linked data in our corner of Digital Humanities.

Your proposal to catalogue these texts and thereby make them accessible within library search and discovery tools will immeasurably enhance their usefulness and the ability of students and teachers of antiquity to engage with these text.

That it is your intention to license the records you produce under the terms of the University of Florida Smathers Libraries Creative Commons CC0 public domain dedication, and thereby allow us (for instance) to include them within the Ancient World Digital Library we are incubating here at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World adds extraordinary value to the project.

I greatly look forward to benefiting from the results of your project.

With best wishes,
-Chuck Jones-

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From: Karen Green [mailto:klg19@columbia.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 4:34 PM
To: Landor,Blake
Subject: Re: FW: PHI Latin Classical Texts

Dear Blake,

I am delighted to write in support of your project to modify MARC records to link directly to the individual texts included in the online PHI.

Given that we already have individual MARC records that point to the texts on the CD-ROM, it would be confusing to our patrons not to have analogous records pointing to the online versions. Fewer and fewer library patrons these days bother to acquaint themselves with the name of the main database in which individual texts are located, so allowing patron to go directly to a stable URL for the text in question is invaluable.

Given, especially, that OPACs today are equipped to direct patrons easily to electronic content (in the case of our Voyager OPAC, for example, a sidebar link for "All Electronic Resources" in the results of an initial search), making that text-/author-level discovery effortless is a crucial service we can offer.

Please let me know if there's anything else I can do to help support this initiative.

Best,

Karen

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