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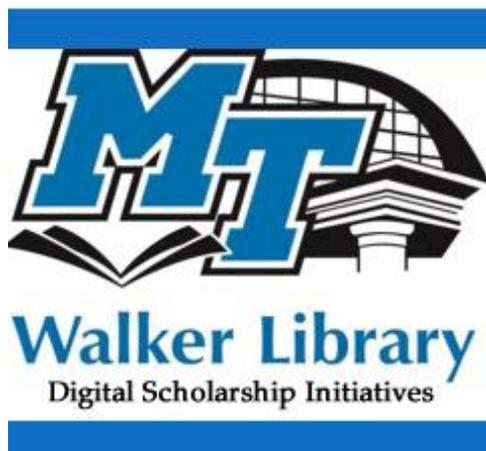Award Guidelines

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DIGITAL SEED GRANT FOR FACULTY AND RESEARCHERS

Walker Library Digital Scholarship Initiatives invites proposals for seed grants to support individual or collaborative digital scholarship projects in research, teaching or public outreach from any discipline or area at MTSU.

Special consideration will be given to applications that demonstrate collaboration across units, use of Digital Partner materials (housed at campus archives and libraries), and use of the existing Library infrastructure and Digital Scholarship Lab resources.

Seed Grants (up to $2,000)

The number of grants available each year will vary based on the number of received applications; with each at a maximum of $2,000. Applications are due December 1, 2016.

Q: What is Digital Scholarship?
A: Digital scholarship at Walker Library is interdisciplinary, collaborative and committed. It emphasizes use of interactive technologies to expand the participation, modes of access, and dissemination of scholarship.

> *"Digital scholarship... emphasizes the use of interactive technologies to expand participation, modes of access, and dissemination of scholarship"*
> *– Digital Scholarship Initiatives, Walker Library*

EXAMPLE USES OF DIGITAL SEED GRANTS

The following is a brief but not exhaustive list of possible projects:

- Hiring a researcher or student to perform data analysis, text encoding, or data entry
- Digitizing materials not held at Walker Library
- Purchasing specialized equipment for digitization or analysis*

- Applying geospatial methods to literary texts, historical problems, or scientific discoveries
- Textual or network analysis of thematic field topic
- Pedagogical focus on civic or public humanities
- Convening a workshop at MTSU to discuss or learn DH/DS topics

*Equipment purchased with Seed Grants will be installed in the Digital Scholarship Lab for use with future projects.
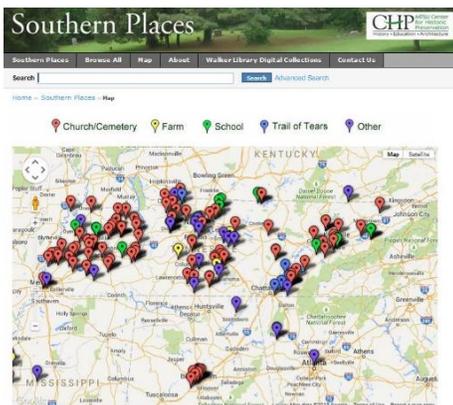
Trials and Triumphs, A scholarly digital collection
library.mtsu.edu/trials

Voyant, a text analysis tool

Story Maps, interactive mapping application

CONTENTdm, searchable exhibit and database collection

APPLICANT DETAILS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Applicants must be MTSU faculty members or researcher. The grant must be spent within 12 months and a final report (less than 1500 words) describing the outome of the project must be submitted within 6 months of the project completion. Reciepts are required for reimbursement (grant funding is not extra compensation for time; it is reimbursement for resources used).

Additionally, the lead investigator or team awarded the grant must make a presentation of their work at the Digital Humanities Seminar Series and/or be added to Walker Library's Digital Collections (http://digital.mtsu.edu) or JEWLScholar, the institutional repository (http://jewlscholar.mtsu.edu). Authors of projects and presentations retain all rights, and Walker Library is given the right to redistribute the work.

If awarded, applicants must wait one year before applying again.

Samples of tool and resource possibilities for projects are depicted along the left colum of this page but applicants are not limited to these options. Applicants are repsonsible for project planning and development regardless of which resources or tools are used. (The library does not help with developmentbuy may be a consultant on project planning).

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications are due December 1, 2016 and are submitted online at:

LINK TO ONLINE FORM (also available at dsi.mtsu.edu/dsgrant)

The online submission process includes:

1. Application Form
2. Detailed Budget (if form space is not sufficient)

The Application Form provides a narrative and outline of the desired project, including the project abstract, project overview, outcomes, impact on field, anticipated timeline, budget, resources needed, project completion, team members (if any), and the intended audience.

All applications will be reviewed by a subcommittee made up of faculty and staff associated with Digital Scholarship Initiatives. All applicants will be notified by the end of January 2017 of the award decision.

More Information:

For more information, visit: http://dsi.mtsu.edu/dsgrant

For questions about the Digital Seed Grant, email: digitalscholar@mtsu.edu