

Call for 2021-2022 CDH Data Fellows

Deadline: March 1, 2021

<https://cdh.princeton.edu/grants/dataset-curation-grants/>

Are you working with spreadsheets, images or text files in your research? Are you interested in turning them into a dataset, or enhancing an existing one? Apply for a [CDH Data Fellowship!](#)

CDH Data Fellows become familiar with the analytical and technological practices of working with humanities data. Fellows will learn to situate their work in scholarly discussions about the intersection of computational and humanistic research questions, particularly as they relate to the production, organization, and preservation of knowledge. Fellows learn best practices in data selection, structuring, cleaning, transformation, and preservation, with the aim of producing a dataset suitable for computational analysis and for future use in research and in undergraduate or graduate courses. We seek applicants who are interested in participating in the CDH's ongoing conversation about methodological, cultural, and ethical questions raised by producing and analyzing humanities data.

Fellows become affiliates of the CDH during the 12-month course of the program. Affiliation entails an orientation session and quarterly formal data reviews (3 total) with CDH staff and selected campus partners. While Fellows are primarily responsible for assembling and managing their own research teams, the CDH may assist in finding suitable graduate or undergraduate student research assistants and can provide guidance on project management. The Fellowship term runs from June 2021 to May 2022. Orientation will be in June. Data reviews will take place in September, January, and May.

Princeton faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students are eligible. Funds awarded to faculty and postdocs will be transferred to home departments for administration. Applicants must be formal Princeton University affiliates for the duration of the grant. Visiting scholars are not eligible. Fellowship funds may not be used for travel.

- Graduate students who are awarded a fellowship will receive a one-time payment of \$3,000 via SAFE.
- Faculty, staff, and postdocs may apply for up to \$3,000 to pay Princeton students as research assistants at the suggested rate of \$20/hr for graduate students and \$15/hr for undergraduates. Priority will be given to faculty who have also applied or plan to apply to UCHRSS for funding (applications due March 15, 2021).
- In addition, faculty are eligible to apply for summer salary of up to \$5,000 and must specify in their application which activities will take place June-August.

Faculty and postdocs: we are especially interested in projects that may be integrated into undergraduate or graduate courses.

Grantees will be required to submit a final report at the conclusion of their award, along with a spending report. Unused research funds will be returned to the CDH at the conclusion of the grant period.

Descriptions of projects that have received support for data curation in the past are available on our website: [2019–20 Dataset Curation Grant recipients](#); [2020–21 Dataset Curation Grant Recipients](#). Priority will be given to projects that have not received CDH Research Partnership Grants.

The application should describe (in no more than 750 words, excluding budget):

1. The material or collection to be used, and approximate scope (how many items). Indicate if the project requires digitization of Princeton University Library materials.
2. The main research questions that motivate the choice of material or collection, and current ideas about future applications of the dataset.
3. For faculty and postdocs: the way in which you might use your dataset in the future in an existing class or a new one.
4. For graduate students: the way in which your dataset would contribute to your dissertation.
5. Any copyright, privacy, intellectual property or other concerns that might prevent the publication of the data in an open access format.

Applicants requesting funds to pay students should attach an itemized budget including any outstanding or planned funding requests (e.g. Magic Grants, UCRHSS grants, the Anonymous Fund for undergraduate research assistance).

Applicants are encouraged to reach out to the CDH for consultations by using our [consultation request form](#). *Requests for consultations must be submitted by February 22, 2021.*

Applications will be reviewed and selected by the CDH Executive Committee.

Application materials should be sent as a **single PDF file** to cdh-info@princeton.edu by **11:59 pm EST** on **March 1, 2021**.