Pitching a DH Project

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CDH project prospectus

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what is a project?

A project is a **temporary** endeavor designed to produce a **unique** product, service or result.
Digital Humanities grant application

- a clear and compelling dh research question
- clear and realistic project goals
- appropriate tools and resources
- a suitable project team
- a clear & realistic work plan
- a clear & realistic budget
- a project management strategy
formulate your dh research question

what is the question, problem, or provocation at the heart of your project?

how will your project contribute to scholarship?

who is your audience?
establish your project goals (outcomes, products, deliverables)

what’s your vision for the end result?

environmental scan

scope - what’s in & what’s out

success criteria
tools and resources

evaluate your needs

know what resources are available to you

check dh tool lists & registries

join a community
staffing your project & building your team

roles and responsibilities

core project team

- project director/PI
- project manager
- technical lead

others: researchers, programmers, developers, encoders, editors, etc.
create a work plan

list your major objectives

break them up into smaller tasks, activities, and deliverables

establish who is responsible

estimate time & effort

consider risks
budgeting

how much money do you need?
how much money is available?
look at examples
use a template if possible
project management

design and implement a project plan (adherence & flexibility)

communication

documentation

PM tools

planning, communication, collaboration, budgets, work plan, effort tracking, documentation, quality assessment…