**AHRC Standard Research Grant and Catalyst Award application: Stage 1**

**AHRC Stage 1 application for review by the Heritage & Creativity Grant Development College.**

The Grant Development College aims to promote excellence and innovation in **AHRC Standard Grant and Catalyst Grant applications** within the Heritage & Creativity (H&C) Theme. All AHRC Standard Grant and Catalyst Grant applications will be reviewed and supported though the Grant Development College. This process should be completed in conjunction with the Research Development Manager for H&C during the early project development stage of a grant application. A brief outline summary (potentially in the form of bullet points) is required for each question.

While all applications will be reviewed on the merit of the proposal, applicants are encouraged to consider how the outcomes of their project might be enhanced by the use of digital technologies and methodologies, or the production of digital outputs. It is important to highlight that it may be possible to provide additional support to help applicants develop the technical elements of a proposal. Where assistance is needed to source the technical solutions or expertise required to deliver the project, or an applicant believes they would first require training in specific digital methods, these needs should be clearly outlined within this application. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to identify any known resources/providers of expertise/training that they believe will help to meet these needs. DH support and information are available on the [DH Hub portal](https://research.reading.ac.uk/digitalhumanities/).

Once the stage 1 form is submitted, two or three reviews will be sought: one from a member of the Grant Development College from outside the applicant’s discipline; one from a member of the applicant’s department/research division. If the project involves digital humanities approaches, the DH academic champion will also provide a review. The feedback will be in terms of the strengths and weaknesses of the application, as well as specific suggestions for improvement. Applications will be reviewed at a Grant Development College Meetings by the Research Development Manager, the lead for the Grant Development College, and the Research Division Leader. **Feedback will be provided within 4-6 weeks of the application deadline**.

**Stage 1 AHRC – Grant Development College**

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| Project Title: |

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| Principal Investigator: |  | Research Division: |

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| 1) Please provide a short abstract (c. 100-150 words) of the project. |
| 2) What are the research questions? |
| 3) What research methods will you use and why? |
| 4) If digital outputs or digital technologies (other than standard office tools and a basic project website) are essential to the planned research outcomes, how you will use/develop the technologies/outputs, and what resources and expert input will you use? If you need assistance to source or develop technical solutions or expertise, please indicate this. |
| 5) How has as a need for this research been demonstrated? How is this research relevant to academic and non-academic users? |
| 6) What outputs will be produced, and how will they be made accessible? |
| 7) What is exciting about this research? Is the project sufficiently exciting? |
| 8) Who are the project’s co-investigators and researchers? What are their roles and responsibilities? |
| 9) In what ways are you and your collaborators best placed to carry out this project? Have you identified key academic and non-academic partners? |