

**Demystifying Digital Scholarship**

**PROJECT IDEATION  
+  
DEVELOPMENT**

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# Scope of the Workshop

## **DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

Transform an idea into a project.

Refine a particular facet of a current project.

Scale down a big (and perhaps costly) project idea.

Scale up a stable project idea.

# **Deliverables**

## **SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**As individual researchers, project collaborators, and media and information specialists whose skills and expertise are often sought out by faculty and students, we can leverage the challenges encountered in the development, shaping and sustenance of digital scholarship projects and put forward solutions to mediate obstacles.**

# Digital Scholarship

## WHAT IS IT?

Interdisciplinary + Transdisciplinary

Quality over Quantity

Collaborative + Relationship Building

Knowledge Brokering + Translation

Recombinant + Situated

# Digital Scholarship

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY + TRANSDISCIPLINARY**

Digital scholarship spans multiple disciplines and university units

The library plays a pivotal role in the sustenance and  
shaping of digital scholarship

# Digital Scholarship

## QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

Successes can not be tracked by quantifying interactions

A focus on quality defies expectations of fast scholarship

# Digital Scholarship

## **COLLABORATIVE + RELATIONSHIP BUILDING**

Digital scholarship takes time

It requires both research work and relationship work

Relationship building = Affective labour

# Digital Scholarship

## **KNOWLEDGE BROKERING + TRANSLATION**

Developing relationships and networks with,  
among and between producers and users of knowledge

Providing access to knowledge sources and knowledge itself

Translating research into action

Closing the gaps between researchers and  
between researchers and their publics



# Digital Scholarship

## **RECOMBINANT + SITUATED**

Knowledge produced from combining disciplinary knowledge and expertise with emerging computational tools, techniques and methods

Researchers come from particular disciplines and bring the research back into those disciplines

# Digital Scholarship Projects

## KEY FACETS

A project + To project

Tools & Techniques + Research Questions

Seeding + Scaling

Project Documentation

Future Planning + Sustainability

Dissemination + Knowledge Mobilization

# Digital Scholarship Projects

## A PROJECT + TO PROJECT

proj·ect

*noun*

'prāj,ekt/

1. an individual or collaborative enterprise that is carefully planned and designed to achieve a particular aim.

*verb*

prə'jekt/

1. estimate or forecast (something) on the basis of present trends.

2. extend outward beyond something else; protrude.



# Digital Scholarship Projects

## TOOLS & TECHNIQUES + RESEARCH QUESTIONS

The application of computational tools, techniques and methods intertwined with scholarly inquiry, analysis and critique.

Researchers come from particular disciplines and bring the research back into those disciplines.

# Digital Scholarship Projects

## PROJECT DOCUMENTATION

Process oriented approach to digital scholarship

Iterative

Knowledge translation

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## SEEDING + SCALING

Pressure: Funding as a measure and validation of research

Problem: digital scholarship becomes an afterthought

Radical shift: The merits of small

Scalable project development: “If I don’t get the grant, can I carry out facets of the research?”



# Digital Scholarship Projects

## **FUTURE PLANNING + SUSTAINABILITY**

**Scalable project development: “If I get the grant, are the key pieces in place to carry out the research?”**

**Project Management - Project Archiving**

**Planning for obsolescence (tech or collaborations)**



# Digital Scholarship Projects

## DISSEMINATION + KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION

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### What is knowledge mobilization?



Knowledge mobilization is an umbrella term encompassing a wide range of activities relating to the production and use of research results, including knowledge:

- synthesis;
- dissemination;
- transfer;
- exchange; and
- co-creation by researchers and knowledge users.

Please see [SSHRC's definition of knowledge mobilization](#).

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