

Research Assistant in Digital Tools and Resources Documentation

Prof. Stefan Sinclair of the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures seeks a research assistant to aid a funded research project focused on the evaluation and documentation of Digital Humanities tools and resources, to commence mid-February 2012. Prof. Sinclair's work focuses on the Digital Humanities, in specific the development of text analysis and visualization tools.

This causal appointment is open to both undergraduate and graduate students currently at McGill. The tasks for this assistantship will include installing, configuring, using and evaluating existing and emergent digital humanities tools, collating these tools in an effective resource for digital humanities scholars at McGill and elsewhere, and assisting Prof. Sinclair in presentation of the resources either online, or in preparation for various forms of publication. The assistant may also be asked, from time to time, to act as a blog correspondent for the 4Humanities Node developing here at McGill which will require drafting posts of digital humanities activities such as talks, lectures, and workshops.

The successful candidate will be tech savvy and have a general awareness of the needs and contours of digital humanistic scholarship. Though programming experience will be valuable it is not a requirement; likewise humanistic training, particular in literature, music, or artistic analysis will be an asset, but is not a definite requirement. A familiarity with the needs of humanistic research will be useful in the documentation and evaluation of tools, applicants with experience in the analysis of humanistic research techniques and methods will have priority. Compensation will be based on experience and McGill standard RA rates. Applications for this position should consist of a current CV, and a brief (1 page at most) statement of interest outlining relevant digital, humanistic, and technical expertise and experience. Electronic submissions should reach Prof. Sinclair at stefan.sinclair@mcgill.ca prior to Feb 6 at 4pm.