2026 Community Interest Groups Call for Proposals

Application Form

Working Group Name:

Humanities and Data Science Community Interest Group

Coordinators:

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Potential participants:

We are applying on behalf of an existing community of practice that includes people in a range of roles, career stages and institutions. We have strong representation from universities and GLAM institutions; RSEs, information professionals, technologists, lecturers and professors at a range of career stages from graduate students and early career professionals to sector leaders. The group originally began under the aegis of The Alan Turing Institute (https://www.turing.ac.uk/research/interest-groups/humanities-and-data-science), with membership limited to institutions associated with the Turing. The opportunity to enrich our community with people from a wider range of roles and sectors is a motivating factor in our application to UK-IE.

Abstract (<250 words max):

The Humanities and Data Science Community Interest Group focuses on building a culture of collaboration at the intersections between Data Science and AI, Humanities, and the broader GLAM sector. Focusing particularly on providing early career support and networking opportunities, we offer regular meetings, research showcases, and propose two workshops

that are designed to stimulate discussion and inspire mutual understanding and the creation of joint research opportunities, including a practical workshop that focuses on developing funding applications.

The group operates on a principle of enabling a safe space for constructive discussion of our successes, failures, ideas and opportunities, in order to strengthen collaboration between our respective fields and promote interdisciplinary exploration and excellence. We see this CIG as particularly well placed to support and enable links between the GLAM sector and academic Digital Humanities/Data Science/AI researchers, as part of the wider Association mission to connect these fields.

Relevance (250-500 words):

The group's work centres around two of the Association's core values: *collaboration* and *community*. As a CIG with an established community base, we will bring to the Association an active network of data scientists and humanities researchers and practitioners. We are specifically seeking to form collaborations with and to support the work of colleagues in GLAM, Data Science, and Humanities across Ireland. While we do not yet have confirmed representation from Ireland (having previously been solely UK-based), the group's ethos includes strong emphasis on representation from a variety of institutions across the UK, including Edinburgh, Glasgow, National Library of Scotland; Cardiff; Bristol, British Library, Cambridge, Exeter, King's College London, Leeds, Northeastern University London, Nottingham, Newcastle, Queen Mary UOL, School of Advanced Study, Southampton, and The National Archives.

Collaboration: Our rationale is built around fostering partnerships across disciplinary, institutional and national boundaries, not only between humanities and data science, but across multiple cultural heritage institutions, libraries, archives, and universities. In this we very much share the Association's own aims in nurturing two-way/multi-way collaboration opportunities to lasting effect, and feel that a CIG would therefore be a natural home for this active and dedicated group to develop its activities. We already have a strong collaboration record including data study groups, research projects, events and panels, and a white paper in 2020 on challenges and prospects of working at the intersection of Humanities and Data Science, including recommendations for working together dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.12732164. We see the formation of this CIG as central in broadening this work.

Community: Community is fundamental to the proposed activities. The group has invested consistently in building and sustaining a network of researchers and practitioners through regular meetings and activities, including the organisation of 2025's *Network power: the humanities and data science in collaboration*, hosted by Bodleian Libraries. Panellists from CLARIN UK, EPCC (Edinburgh), National Gallery, School of Advanced Study and University of

Exeter explored the role of the humanities in a world increasingly shaped by data, proposing potential pathways for collaboration between data science and humanities.

We will build on these foundations through our **proposed activities**:

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- Monthly online meetings, advertised via the Association mailing list and other channels, to encourage new members and connect with researchers in our focus areas across Ireland. We will keep each other informed in a light-touch and supportive way about each other's fields and sectors; upcoming funding; and opportunities to collaborate. Each meeting will include a research show-and-tell, with feedback on WIP/early-stage ideas as well as more established research, with the work of early career scholars prioritised;
- An online public workshop to foster knowledge-sharing and collaboration between researchers across our fields.

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- In-depth workshop (online/hybrid) to propose and scope joint projects for funding applications, including sharing knowledge of funding schemes and priorities;
- Collaborate on a pre-conference workshop proposal for DH2027, University of Galway, to productively tackle issues identified at our meetings/workshops. Outputs could include a white paper, research proposal or other intervention.