



## The Michael Ridley Postdoctoral Fellowship in Digital Humanities, 2013 – 2015

This is a two-year postdoctoral fellowship, named in honour of the former chief librarian and chief information officer of the University of Guelph, Michael Ridley, who did much to promote the digital humanities at the University of Guelph. As co-sponsors of this Fellowship, the College of Arts and the University Library seek a recent PhD with experience in digital applications in humanities research. This fellowship will be awarded for the period August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 – July 31, 2015. It is valued at \$38,000 per year, with a research allowance of \$5,000. Postdoctoral fellows will also receive office space, access to the services of the host institution, and administrative and research assistance as needed. There will also be the opportunity to teach one course per year with additional remuneration.

The successful applicant is expected to pursue the research project submitted in their application, and to help promote the digital humanities at Guelph. Specifically, their duties will include 1) conducting original research; 2) creating and organizing a digital humanities speakers' series that would run over the course of the academic year; 3) acting as a consultant for University faculty and graduate students interested in developing expertise in the digital humanities; 4) teaching one course in the digital humanities, either at the senior undergraduate or graduate level; 5) providing consultation and guidance on digital humanities technology and/or space in the McLaughlin Library ; 6) providing guidance and training in the application of digital technologies in the analysis of library collections.

### **Application Criteria**

The successful applicant will have demonstrated experience and expertise in humanities computing (broadly understood), and will have completed a PhD within the last five years. The successful candidate will be cross-appointed between the College of Arts and the unit that best reflects his/her home discipline. The position will begin on August 1st, 2013.

Applicants must have a PhD in hand at the time of application. They must submit ALL of the following by the postmark deadline (April 25, 2013):

- an application letter (1,500 words or less) outlining the candidate's experience in digital humanities and the research project they propose to undertake while at Guelph;
- a current CV;
- a graduate transcript;
- two confidential letters of recommendation sent directly to us before the deadline.

Electronic applications are welcome, provided that original hard copies of the transcripts and reference letters are submitted by mail by the postmark deadline (April 25, 2013).

Criteria for selection are the quality and originality of the proposed research and its relevance to the digital humanities, the candidate's fit with the mandate to promote the digital humanities at Guelph, and the candidate's record of scholarly achievement. The selection committee will include representatives from the College of Arts and the University of Guelph Library.

Applications should be sent to:

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College of Arts  
MacKinnon 0005,  
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