The Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) invites college and university members of the Consortium on Digital Resources for Teaching and Research to apply for grants that support initiatives designed to deepen or expand the use of JSTOR Forum on campus and beyond. Consortium Development Grants are available in amounts up to $6,000 to institutions that continue to broaden the use of collections developed during the first years of the Consortium, engage with new constituents and departments, encourage greater use of the collections by students, and increase the use of digital collections in teaching and research. The grants are generously supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and may be used for:

- Interdepartmental collaboration across campus, including creation of online and physical exhibitions, and to extend the use of collections in class and for student assignments;

- Collaboration beyond the campus with other colleges and universities (including institutions outside of the Consortium) and/or museums, cultural institutions, and other nonprofit organizations;

- Staff or faculty travel to scholarly conferences or other campuses to share knowledge and best practices; and

- Development of additional collections especially by faculty members and departments that previously have not been involved in the work of the Consortium.

Grants will be awarded to proposals that explain (a) the purpose and goals of the proposed activities and their relationship to projects developed during the first years of Consortium membership, (b) the extent of institutional support for these collaborative efforts, and (c) the ways in which these collaborations would be sustained by the institution after the end of the grant period.

Institutional members of the Consortium on Digital Resources for Teaching and Research who remain members of the Council of Independent College in good standing through the 2019–2020 membership year are eligible for these grants. The application deadline is October 15, 2018. Award decisions will be announced by November 16, 2018, and funds will be released by December 3, 2018. Projects must be completed by December 1, 2019 and institutions that are awarded grants must complete projects supported by the awards and submit a final narrative report on the use of the funds by December 1, 2019.
Application Guidelines

Proposals should be submitted online as a single package and consist of the following components.

A one-paragraph executive summary of the proposal;

Statement of Support from the president or chief academic officer that includes the institution’s commitment to remain a member of the Council of Independent Colleges in good standing through the 2019–2020 academic year; and

A 3–5 page narrative that describes:

- Projects developed during the institution’s participation in the Consortium to date;
- Description of the proposed uses of grant award funds;
- Proposed internal or external partners;
- Description of the challenges and the opportunities that the grant would address; and
- A list of faculty members and staff who will be involved in the project and their roles in the project.

Application Deadline

The application deadline is October 15, 2018. Proposals should be submitted electronically with supporting materials as a single packet at www.cic.edu/programs/digital-resources.

Questions?

Questions about the grants should be addressed to Susan Barnes Whyte, CIC senior advisor and director of the Consortium on Digital Resources for Teaching and Research, at swhyte@cic.nche.edu or (202) 466-7230.