LAUNCHED IN 2017, ARIA H IS DELIGHTED TO BE OFFERING AGAIN AN AWARD THAT
CONtributes FUNDING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS. THIS AWARD IS
AIMED AT SCHOLARS SEEKING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEW POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY
DIGITAL PUBLISHING PLATFORMS FOR PRESENTING ART HISTORICAL RESEARCH. IT IS ALSO AIMED
AT ONLINE PUBLISHERS (BROADLY DEFINED TO INCLUDE DIFFERENT KINDS OF ONLINE PLATFORMS
THAT DISSEMINATE RESEARCH, SUCH AS ONLINE JOURNALS, DIGITAL PROJECT SPACES, AND
DISCRETE PARTS OF MUSEUM WEBSITES DEDICATED TO SCHOLARLY CONTENT). THE AWARD IS
INTENDED TO HELP SCHOLARS MOVE INTO THE DIGITAL REALM; TO ENCOURAGE INNOVATIVE
IDEAS IN HOW DIGITAL PUBLISHING CAN SUPPORT NEW MODES AND METHODS FOR
DISSEMINATING ART HISTORICAL RESEARCH; AND TO ASSIST COLLABORATION BETWEEN AUTHORS
AND ONLINE PUBLISHERS TO ENHANCE THE DIGITAL PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH, WHICH, IT IS
HOPED, WILL SERVE AS FUTURE MODELS FOR OTHERS AND FIND BROADER APPLICATIONS IN THE
FIELD.

SCOPE OF THE AWARD

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR PROJECTS UP TO THE SUM OF $10,000. HOWEVER, PROJECTS
REQUIRING SMALLER SUMS OF FUNDING OF $5,000 OR LESS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. THE
AWARD IS INTENDED AS A SUBVENTION TO ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL TOOLS,
THE CREATION OF DIGITAL MEDIA, OR ENHANCEMENT OF DIGITAL PLATFORMS THAT FORM A
NECESSARY PART OF A SINGLE DISCRETE ART HISTORICAL ESSAY, ARTICLE, OR PROJECT. THE
DIGITAL PLATFORM MUST ALREADY BE IN EXISTENCE (I.E., THE AWARD IS NOT FOR DEVELOPING
ENTIRELY NEW PLATFORMS OR JOURNALS). THE AWARD WILL BE OFFERED ON A TWO-YEAR CYCLE.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- A LETTER OF INTENT AND A COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM MUST REACH THE
  COMMITTEE BY JUNE 3, 2019. THE COMMITTEE WILL SELECT THE MOST PROMISING
  PROJECTS AND INVITE FULL APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 2, 2019.

- THE LETTER OF INTENT MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT AN ONLINE PUBLISHER HAS BEEN
  IDENTIFIED AND HAS AGREED TO SUPPORT AND PUBLISH THE RESEARCH. THE LETTER
  OF INTENT MUST BE WRITTEN EITHER JOINTLY BY THE SCHOLAR/S AND THE ONLINE
  PUBLISHER, OR BY THE SCHOLAR WITH A SUPPORTING LETTER OF THE EDITOR OR
  EQUIVALENT FROM THE ONLINE PUBLISHER.

- THE FUNDS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE ONLINE PUBLISHER, NOT THE AUTHOR, WITH THE
  EXPECTATION THAT THE FORMER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING AND
  DISBURSING THE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL COMPONENTS ON THEIR
  SITE. HOWEVER, APPLICANTS CAN APPLY FOR EXCEPTIONS, AND THIS WILL BE
  ASSESSED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

- THE SCHOLARLY RESEARCH SHOULD ALREADY BE AT AN ADVANCED LEVEL - I.E. THE
project should be thought through to the extent that both the author and
online publisher have a well-developed sense of the digital tools and
presentation that is required.

- Online publications affiliated with ARIAH member institutions are eligible
to apply. Individual ARIAH members are not eligible to apply.

Eligible costs include:

- Specialist staff costs, such as hiring a technical expert (e.g. a journal may
  need to hire an outside technical developer, or may need to increase
  hours for in-house developers, in order to implement/develop new tools)

- The creation of filmed, animated, interactive content

- Building and developing digital tools, such as zoom technologies; mapping
tools, etc.

- Digitizing of content (e.g. archival documents) if this is shown to be directly
  relevant and required by the scholarly project. The Award does not
  subsidize independent digitization projects.

Ineligible costs include:

- Research funding (e.g. funding travel to facilitate the applicant’s research
  in an archive).

- Digitizing archives without an attendant scholarly outcome that is directly
  linked to the project.

- Purchase of hardware.

Award timeline:

- Stage 1: Letters of Intent and Application Form due June 3, 2019.
- Stage 2: Committee selects applications - it is anticipated that a small
  number will be selected, as only those with a strong likelihood of receiving
  funding will be asked to develop a full proposal.
- Applicants will be informed in early July and invited to submit full project
details and budget by September 2, 2019.
- The Committee will approve the projects in the Fall of 2019.

Projects funded by the inaugural Digital Development Award (2017-18)
were:

http://www.journal18.org/past-issues/5-coordinates-spring-2018/

https://www.afterall.org/exhibition-histories/the-other-story
Application Materials

To apply for this award, applicants need to supply a one-page Letter of Intent and a completed application form. The scholar and online publisher should jointly write this.

All application materials should be emailed by midnight EST on June 3, 2019 as a PDF file to:

ariahdigital@gmail.com