

# RFP: Advanced Collaborative Support for the HathiTrust Research Center

The [HathiTrust Research Center](#) is seeking **proposals for Advanced Collaborative Support (ACS) projects**. ACS is a newly launched scholarly service at the HTRC offering collaboration between external scholars and HTRC staff to solve challenging problems related to HTRC tools and services. By working together with scholars, we facilitate computational access to HathiTrust Research Center digital tools (HTRC) as well as the HathiTrust (HT) digital library based on individual scholarly need. This **Advanced Collaborative Support (ACS)** will drive innovation at the scholar's digital workbench for enhancing and developing new techniques for use within the HTRC platform.

The announcement of the RFP is available at <http://www.hathitrust.org/htrc/acs-rfp>

**RFP Schedule:**

RFP Available: October 28, 2014

Proposals Due: 5:00 p.m. January 8, 2015

Award Notification: No later than January 30, 2015

Proposals should be submitted electronically as a single zip file to [htrc.acs.awards@gmail.com](mailto:htrc.acs.awards@gmail.com)

**Program Description (see the [full RFP](#) for more detail):**

The **HathiTrust (HT)** is a large digitized-text corpus (> 10 million volumes) of keen interest to researchers working in a wide range of scholarly disciplines. The **HathiTrust Research Center (HTRC)** is a collaborative research center launched jointly by Indiana University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, along with the **HathiTrust Digital Library (HT)** to help meet the technical challenges that researchers face when dealing with massive amounts of digital text.

The **HTRC Advanced Collaboration Support Group (ACS)** engages with users directly on a one-on-one basis over extended period of time lasting from weeks to months. The ACS Group, selected from the membership of the HTRC user community, pairs the ACS awardee with expert staff members to work collaboratively on challenging problems.

Respondents are urged to contact [htrc.acs.awards@gmail.com](mailto:htrc.acs.awards@gmail.com), in advance of proposal submission to discuss eligibility, project details, prerequisites, and HTRC support. We look forward to a wide-array of proposals for our inaugural ACS projects supported by funding from the **HathiTrust Research Center (HTRC)**.

Sincerely,

The HathiTrust Research Center Executive Committee:

J. Stephen Downie, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois and Co-Director HTRC

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