Embedded DS Services

Experiences from Grant-Funded Research
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About me

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- Digital scholarship-adjacent librarian, UAlberta

- Experience on grant-funded DS/DH projects

- Interested in DS labour-related issues

- Have experienced the good, bad, and ugly of grant-involvement

What's in it for us?

Grant-funded research engagement models for DS

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1. *Institutional support*
   a. Letters of support, in-kind/cash contributions

2. *Personnel commitment*
   a. X hours of staff member Y's time to produce Z (e.g. workshops, dev time)

3. *Project consultation*
   a. Expertise provided without direct involvement in the research process (collaborator)

4. *Librarian-scholar*
   a. Librarian is directly engaged in the research process (Co-I, PI)

Experiences from good projects
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https://spokenweb.ca/

- Co-I role for librarians & archivists

- Access to grant funds

- Direct supervision of GRAs

- Broad interpretation of intellectual contribution

- Direct involvement in project decision-making

5 things we should ask for...

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1. Tangible benefits

2. Intangible (reputational) benefits

3. Participation in the in grant writing process

4. Team membership (as Co-I), and involvement in RA selection

5. Matching funds from cash and in-kind contributions

Conclusion

The digital scholarship in libraries community should develop a set of common norms for how we engage in grant-funded research. These should be worker-centric rather than institutional, and provide concrete examples of positive practices for DS researchers and projects to model

Thanks!

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