



Sussex Humanities Lab call for proposals 2023

Sussex Humanities Lab (SHL) is an interdisciplinary research programme at the University of Sussex that investigates the interactions between computational technology, culture, society, and the environment toward more sustainable and just futures for all.

Applications are open to support the **development of teams** or networks to work on innovative research questions, methodologies, ideas, and approaches which broadly relate to SHL's remit. We are particularly interested in projects which address or speak to our four research clusters: critical digital humanities and archives; AI, computational society, and culture; experimental ecologies; and creative computing and play.

Multidisciplinary teams are particularly encouraged and will be prioritised. Applications should work towards preparing the groundwork for a proposal to be submitted for external funding in the medium to long term. Successful applications will be linked with SHL team and networks to support this central aim.

For more details on our current research please visit [our website](#).

What are we looking for?

Our objective is to nurture cross-university multidisciplinary teams who will develop future medium to large scale proposals to a variety of national and international funders and contribute to SHL's thriving research environment and its future sustainability.

Who is eligible?

This call is open to University of Sussex researchers at all stages in their careers and across all disciplines. It is not necessary to be a current SHL member.

What we offer

Up to £2,000 to develop networks, ideas and approaches, pilots, or proof of concept activities. We are flexible on what you can use it for, but **it must lead to the development of a proposal for external funding**. You can use the funds for direct costs such as:

- Partner costs: to cover travel costs to bring colleagues to Sussex for in-person brainstorming/ bid drafting meetings (sustainable travel, and only when necessary)
- Event costs
- Research Assistance
- Software developer time (e.g. to create a prototype as a proof of concept)
- Specialist software
- Equipment, consumables, participant fees
- Cost of interpreters in the field

Estates and Indirect costs, permanent staff time, and teaching replacement are **not eligible costs**.

Expected outputs and commitments

- 1- By end September 2023: a short report of how the funds have been spent, demonstrating / illustrating how it has helped further the work towards a proposal for external funding.
- 2- A draft proposal or fully fledged concept note ready to be presented as part of the SHL Autumn Symposium 2023 (date tbc).
- 3- By end of 2023: A blog post for the SHL research blog to be submitted to shl@sussex.ac.uk
- 4- Grant submissions which arise from this engagement should be flagged as an SHL bid.

How to apply

Complete and submit your application form by email to shl@sussex.ac.uk with subject: *SHL Call 2023*
< *your surname* >

Timeline

- Call opens 12th December 2022
- Deadline 31st January 2023
- Decisions by end of February 2023
- Project start 1st March 2023
- All funds allocated must be spent and all invoices / receipts received by mid-July 2023

For any questions, please contact shl@sussex.ac.uk