The Center for Digital Humanities seeks applications for the University Administrative Fellows (UAF) Program. Applicants should submit a cover letter and one copy of their résumé via email to Jim Casey (jccasey@princeton.edu). All questions and inquiries are welcomed.

About The Center for Digital Humanities

The Center for Digital Humanities (CDH) is an interdisciplinary research center and academic unit within the Princeton University Library that brings together humanist scholars, librarians, and programmers to engage in technical and scholarly innovation. We embrace an inclusive understanding of digital humanities (DH) that respects and investigates the myriad ways digital methods and technologies are opening new avenues for research into the human experience, past and present.

Major Project: Douglass Day 2020

The UAF will focus on planning and implementing Douglass Day. Douglass Day is an annual public humanities event held on February 14, the date that Frederick Douglass chose as his birthday. Each February 14, a core team prepares programs and materials that enable campus and community groups across North America & Europe to participate in the creation of African American digital history and culture. Douglass Day features a “transcribe-a-thon” alongside artistic performances, dramatic readings, birthday cake, outreach on social media, and much more. Douglass Day has been held since 2017, and has engaged more than 4,000 people at more than 300 locations. Douglass Day is an argument for a more democratic and participatory approach to digital history and culture.

The UAF will join the core team. The core team includes partners at Princeton, Penn State, University of Delaware, and Howard University. In 2020, Douglass Day will feature a transcribe-a-thon of the papers of Anna Julia Cooper. Playing a leadership role on this team, the UAF will collaborate with other members of the core team on the following activities:

- Develop and implement outreach plans to promote the event online and to local groups
- Help coordinate an event at Princeton with community partners.
- Communicate with people organizing Douglass Day events at locations across North America & Europe.
- Communicate with online volunteers through e-mail and social media.
- Assess the results of Douglass Day 2020 and compile documentation of activities.

This role will provide training and experience in a number of practical skills in the public digital humanities. These skills may include the use of social media for cultural heritage, crowdsourcing, writing for public audiences, working with the media, and community organizing. Expertise in African American studies, US history, or digital tools is not required.

Qualifications: strong written communication skills, experience working collaboratively, interest in community engagement