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## **The American University of Paris Receives a 1.1 Million USD Mellon Grant**

*Mellon Foundation grants 1.1 Million USD to The American University of Paris for International Digital Liberal Arts across the AMICAL Consortium*

PARIS, France - January 26, 2018 – The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation recently awarded a 1.1 million USD, three-year grant to The American University of Paris (AUP) for “Building Leadership and Capacity for Digital Liberal Arts across AMICAL.” Founded and hosted by AUP, AMICAL is a consortium of 27 American-style liberal arts institutions in 21 countries across Europe, Central and Southern Asia, the Middle East and Africa. The grant uses digital scholarship and pedagogy as a focal point for bringing librarians, faculty and technologists to work together on their shared teaching and learning missions.

### **Grant goals**

The grant will support the following goals across AMICAL member institutions:

- **Strengthening library and technology leadership** – Promoting innovative and effective leadership among librarians and technologists, in light of their changing and collaborative roles.
- **Advancing programs for information and digital literacies** – Helping students develop effective skills, and critical dispositions, in their use and creation of information in a digital environment.
- **Developing localized and collaborative forms of digital liberal arts** – Helping learners and scholars combine digital methods with humanistic inquiry, anchored with the resources or geo-cultural contexts of AMICAL institutions.

### **Grant-funded actions**

Grant funded programs will support librarians, technologists and faculty through:

- Virtual community-building, mentoring and project-partnering structures
- Annual member-driven conference
- Strategic professional development
- Funding for projects related to grant goals
- Fellowship-supported programs for building capacity in the digital liberal arts

### **Building collaborative capacity**

AMICAL’s members are in globally dispersed locations. This grant will help build collaborative capacity among them. In combining the information expertise of librarians and technologists with the diverse local resources of students, faculty and their environments, this grant will help member institutions to explore their unique opportunities for developing liberal arts education that is both international and digital.

For information about AUP, visit: [www.aup.edu](http://www.aup.edu). To find out more about the AMICAL Consortium and this grant, see the consortium’s [website](http://www.amicalnet.org) ([www.amicalnet.org](http://www.amicalnet.org)) or follow them on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/amicalnet) (@amicalnet).