

Project Rationale

When you envisage your completed project what do you see? Use the following form to outline who your project will serve, what it will enable, and what you will have to produce to see it through.

What gap does your project fill? Which existing projects are similar to yours?	
Which methodological or political perspective informs your project?	
Which audiences will your project serve?	
What will encoding enhance about the interpretation, display, and/or dissemination of your documents?	
What types of research questions does your project enable?	
What concepts link your documents? Do they belong together because they have common author, time period, geographic location, genre, medium, or other formal characteristics?	
Do your project's documents exist already, or will you have to write them? If they exist already, will you have to transcribe them?	
In addition to finding or producing primary documents, which supplemental material (such as introductions, biographies, or diagrams) will you have to prepare?	