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“While this scholarly infrastructure was built over centuries,” Waters says, “the cyber infrastructure is being built much more quickly. At the Mellon Foundation, we want to help accelerate the next stage of this dynamic change and make the digital environment a natural place to do scholarship.”
All scholarship is digital.
The scope of the grant includes:

- Requirements gathering, develop personas, user stories, and wireframes in 2015.
- Begin co-development with DCE in 2016.
- Beta launch: 4 UP case studies - supplemental materials only in 2017.


White-label platform for client publishers (e.g., Lever Press).

The scope of grant is focused on developing and launching digital-only projects with supplementary materials and 3D models.
Press in the front!

Library in the back!
**Flexible**

By adopting an agile development approach and working in partnership with the Hydra open source community, Fulcrum is responsive to the changing needs of digital scholars.

**Durable**

Built on research university library infrastructure specifically designed to curate digital objects, Fulcrum is a trusted steward committed to preservation and stability.

**Discoverable**

Interoperable with other publishing tools and integrated into the information supply chain, Fulcrum ensures that content is discovered by readers and impact is tracked.
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- rich media support
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- accommodates other web-based Resources & formats
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open source repository framework
research library infrastructure
persistent identifiers
Discoverable

metrics for impact, credit
clear, machine-readable licenses/copyright info
integration with information supply chain(s)
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