THATCamp (The Humanities And Technology Camp) is coming to Southern California, January 11-12, 2011.

All academics and independent scholars with an interest in the humanities (broadly construed) and technology are invited to apply. Applications for this event will open on October 1, with a rolling acceptance period beginning October 15. Because this regional THATCamp is scheduled in conjunction with the 2011 MLA Convention in Los Angeles, we especially encourage literary-minded humanists to attend and will offer workshops of particular interest to those who work with literature.

What is THATCamp and how does it differ from a traditional conference?

While THATCamp consists of concurrent sessions as at a traditional conference, each session is run in a more informal fashion. There are no lengthy presentations; rather, each session has a leader or leaders to “get the ball rolling,” with the remainder of the session given over to discussion or productive, collegial work. The expectation is that everyone who attends a session participates in some way.

Who should apply?

Anyone with an interest in humanities and technology and a willingness to share their knowledge in a collaborative environment may apply. While most THATCamp attendees have an affiliation with an academic institution, this is not required.

How do I apply?

The application period opens on October 1, with a rolling acceptance window beginning October 15. Applicants are expected to offer one or two session proposals. While not all session proposals will make it onto the final schedule, proposing a session does imply that the applicant is willing and able to serve as session (co-)leader for that topic. The actual application is done online at http://socal2011.thatcamp.org/

How much does it cost to attend? Is there financial assistance?

It costs nothing to attend THATCamp; however, the organizers may “pass the hat” during the event and ask for donations to cover refreshments. Fellowships are available for attendees who need assistance covering travel or accommodation expenses.

Where will it take place?

THATCamp SoCal 2011 is hosted by Chapman University in Orange, about halfway between Los Angeles and San Diego just off the I-5.

For more information and to apply: http://socal2011.thatcamp.org