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## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

### Strategic collaboration between the Wolfson College Digital Research Cluster and the Oxford e-Research Centre

1. In view of the close similarity of the aims of the two parties, the College's [Digital Research Cluster](#) and the [Oxford e-Research Centre](#) agree to collaborate in order to promote, support and develop the use of advanced digital technologies for research across the range of academic disciplines.
2. Areas for collaboration will include:
  - a. joint research projects,
  - b. research fellowships and college membership, where appropriate,
  - c. building a critical mass of postgraduate students in the College with cross-disciplinary digital interests,
  - d. events programmes (particularly evening and multi-day symposia and workshops),
  - e. joint fund-raising, where appropriate.
3. Each party will be free to enter into other similar collaborations as and when it may wish.
4. Membership of Wolfson College will not be a condition for e-Research Centre staff to participate in the collaboration.
5. College facilities will be made available to the collaboration on the same terms as for other Research Clusters.
6. The collaboration will be managed by a coordinating group with representatives from both parties.
7. The agreement will continue for as long as each party determines.

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## APPENDIX: Text for public use

### Strategic collaboration between the Wolfson College Digital Research Cluster and the Oxford e-Research Centre

Wolfson College and the Oxford e-Research Centre are planning a strategic collaboration between the Centre, and the College's Digital Research Cluster.

A University department established in 2006, the [e-Research Centre](#) leads digital research and drives innovation in technology. It connects disciplines, applications and computation to accelerate research and collaboration within the University, nationally and internationally. It provides a world-leading environment that enables collaborative research, interfacing innovative technologies across academic and commercial partnerships to address the grand challenges of today and the future.

The College's [Digital Research Cluster](#), established in 2010, is concerned with the application of digital technologies to research across a variety of disciplines, where sharing of ideas and methodologies can bring mutual benefit. Wolfson College is the natural home for this new venture: it is graduate, large, strong in sciences and arts, forward-thinking, and has a tradition of fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration. The Cluster aims to lead the way in this rapidly advancing field.

The aims of the Centre and the Cluster are therefore substantially similar, and the potential benefits of collaboration considerable. Wolfson will gain increased access to the wide range of expertise represented by the many research staff in the Centre, including its extensive national and international connections; the Centre gains access to the numerous College members with digital research interests, both staff and students, as well as to the advantages of college membership and facilities.

Areas envisaged for collaboration include joint research projects, research fellowships and college membership, building a critical mass of postgraduate students in the College with cross-disciplinary digital interests, events programmes (particularly evening and multi-day symposia and workshops), and joint fund-raising. The collaboration is a significant opportunity to exploit, reinforce and extend cross-disciplinary connections within the College, and to add new dimensions to the Centre's range of activities.

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