On 4 August 1992 the Academic Board endorsed the establishment of the Australian Scholarly Editions Centre within the University College, ADFA (resolution 92/42). This was approved by the Vice-Chancellor on 11 September 1992. The three main aims of the Centre were "the Academy Editions of Australian Literature series, development of the electronic edition and the history of the book in Australia". Associate Professor Paul Eggert was the first director of the Centre (files 921208 and 952849).

On 25 November 2003 the ADFA Rector wrote to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) indicating that the Centre would cease its activities at the end of 2005. This appears to have occurred and thus the Centre ceased to exist from this date.