DPTP Online 2017

The Digital Preservation Coalition is pleased to offer **two scholarships** to its members to enable them to undertake the new DPTP Online course, which provides a comprehensive introduction to digital preservation.

DPTP Online 2017 is an entry-level course aimed at complete beginners who wish to learn more about the field. The course is ideal for starters in all disciplines who want to know more about digital preservation, gain confidence, and feel enabled to start working with digital preservation. It contains all the content previously taught on the award-winning 2-day face-to-face Course DPTP: An Introduction to Digital Preservation, and many additional modules.

The course is a starting point. It passes on awareness of subjects that need to be investigated in more depth, so those attending can expect a good deal of further reading afterwards and practical follow-up training / experience on their own behalf.

The Digital Preservation Coalition is pleased to offer **two scholarships** which meet the full registration costs of the course (£440). Applications are welcomed from all DPC members and associates.

Conditions of Grant

It is our aim that the scholarship will primarily deliver benefits to an identifiable DPC member organisation, but that there should also be a benefit the broader DPC community. Therefore, recipients will be asked to produce a post for the DPC blog on an issue covered by the course and how it relates to their work. Outputs for individual recipients will be discussed with the Head of Training and Skills subsequent to the scholarship award.

We recommend that any member organization which supports an application discusses appropriate outcomes and benefits for the institution prior to submission. Moreover, because only one grant is available per member institution, we recommend that applicants ensure that they are not inadvertently competing with colleagues.

Eligibility:

The scholarships are available to DPC members, associates and personal members. Prospective members may also apply provided membership is approved on or before the submission deadline. **Only one scholarship is available per member per call.** Please coordinate with colleagues to ensure multiple applications are not submitted. The scholarship is not available to non-members.

Scholarships from those who meet the following criteria will be prioritised:
* Are able to demonstrate clear benefits that would be gained from their attendance at the course, both on a personal level and for their organisation;
* Would otherwise be unable to attend due to limited funding travel/funding opportunities offered by their employers.

Preference will be given to early years' professionals, i.e. those who have been in a digital preservation role for less than 5 years, but applications are also welcomed from those further on in their career.

Eligible Individuals

Personal members of the DPC are eligible to apply for these scholarships.

Eligible Organizations
Applications are welcome from officers, staff and affiliates of the organizations listed as members of the DPC on the Coalition's website: http://www.dpconline.org/members/list-of-members. List of members is correct at time of production. Consortia and funders may nominate members or grant holders, see below.

Eligible Consortia
In addition, individuals associated with or funded through agencies that members of the DPC are eligible though they **must confirm their application with the agency** before applying. The DPC may pass the details of applications to designated contacts within these organisations as part of their assessment.

Prospective Members
Prospective members of the DPC are eligible for these scholarships. Organisations or individuals seeking to join the DPC should file their membership applications by Friday 27th October 2017 to qualify.

How to Apply:
Applications should be received no later than 17:00 on Friday 27th October by email to sharon@dpconline.org. Applicants should complete and submit the relevant **scholarship application form**; this must be accompanied by an email or letter containing the **explicit approval** from your line manager or other senior executive to undertake the course. The application form will be used by the selection committee to assess eligibility against the criteria listed above and the impact attendance will have on the applicant's professional development and the digital preservation work of their organisation. The selection committee's decision is final. The selection committee will be formed by the Executive Director, the Head of Training and Skills and at least one member of the DPC's Workforce Development Committee with no conflicts of interest. Successful applicants will be notified on or before Friday 10th November 2017.

Other Grants from the DPC Leadership Programme
The DPC Leadership programme seeks to support all relevant training and development opportunities so that members and their workforces can more quickly develop the skills necessary to ensure that our digital memory is available tomorrow. With this in mind the DPC will be expanding the Leadership Programme to allow members to apply for funding for courses out with the regularly scheduled scholarships.

In addition to supporting our members' workforces the DPC seeks to reduce the risks that training providers face when developing and providing courses relevant to digital preservation. Providers of such training courses are invited to discuss with the DPC Head of Training and Skills whether these would be appropriate for grants from the DPC Leadership Programme.

Further Information
- For questions relating to this grant programme, email sharon@dpconline.org
- For information about joining the Digital Preservation Coalition, see: http://www.dpconline.org/
- For information about previous grants from the DPC Leadership Programme see: http://www.dpconline.org/training/leadership-programme.html