

## iPRES 2018

### 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September, Boston, USA

The Digital Preservation Coalition is pleased to offer **two scholarships** to its members to help them attend iPRES 2018 to be held in Boston, 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September. These scholarships are aimed at professionals who have passed beyond the need for introductory training but do not have ready access to further development opportunities and for whom the cost of travel would be a barrier. The scholarships include **conference fees** and **a contribution towards travel and subsistence**.

iPRES conferences embrace a variety of topics in digital preservation - from strategy to implementation, and from international and regional initiatives to small organisations. Within this broad topic area, each conference defines a slightly different focus. Alongside a carefully designed official programme, participants have many opportunities for discussion with international colleagues. The iPRES series aims to foster international interaction and collaboration. Scholarship recipients will be able to attend the full conference as well as accompanying workshops.

The Digital Preservation Coalition is pleased to offer **two scholarships** which meet the full costs of early bird registration, \$500 (c. £425). Applications are welcomed from all DPC members and associates. Successful applicants will also be entitled to a grant to assist with travel and subsistence of a sum up to the following amounts depending on location:

- Domestic travel - £150
- Intra-Continental travel - £300
- Inter-Continental travel - £750

#### 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 act as multipliers for the conference content and to produce outputs such as Twitter coverage of the conference, and blog posts on particular sessions/themes. Outputs for individual recipients will be agreed 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.

Recipients may also be called on to act as informal ambassadors for the Coalition from time to time and will be considered to be fulfilling such a role while attending the conference. Scholarships are offered in good faith and as such recipients are required to adhere to the DPC's high standard of professional conduct while attending the conference and to make the most of the opportunities provided.

#### 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 are available to those who meet the following criteria:

- Are able to demonstrate clear benefits that would be gained from their attendance at the conference, 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 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to qualify.

### How to Apply:

Applications should be received no later than 17:00 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 by email to [sharon@dpconline.org](mailto: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 attend the event and a **commitment to provide additional funding for travel and subsistence** (if applicable). 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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### 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](mailto: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>