The Digital Preservation Coalition is pleased to offer two scholarships to attend the upcoming October 2015 instance of ULCC’s beginners level Digital Preservation Training Programme – An Introduction to Digital Preservation at Senate House, University of London, London.

The Digital Preservation Training Programme (DPTP) is designed for all those working in institutional information management who are grappling with fundamental issues of digital preservation. It has recently been redesigned and is now offered as two separate courses: an introductory course and an intermediate course. The two scholarships offered in this call are for the 2-day beginner level course.

An Introduction to Digital Preservation 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. 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 complements the regular Digital Preservation Coalition Event “Getting Started in Digital Preservation”, and has been devised in full co-operation with the DPC.

DPTP is operated and organised by the University of London Computer Centre and is working towards conformance with the skills and competency levels defined by the DigCurV Curriculum Framework. It is supported by the Digital Preservation Coalition which originally helped to establish the course in 2005. There is more detail about the course online at http://www.dptp.org/.

Attendance at DPTP: An Introduction of Digital Preservation costs £570 per person (including VAT). However, the Digital Preservation Coalition is pleased to offer two full scholarships which meet the costs of the course fees. Applications are welcomed from DPC members and associates. The scholarship covers all tuition fees, course materials, access to online resources, lunch and refreshments. Travel, accommodation and subsistence are not funded.

This is the nineteenth time the DPC has offered scholarships to attend DPTP courses. Successful applicants will be asked to help promote the course and the work of the coalition. The DPC has supported a total of eighty four scholarships to attend DPTP courses.

Conditions of Grant
It is our aim that the scholarship will deliver benefits to a DPC member, so the DPC makes only limited requirements of recipients. Recipients will be asked to present a short written report within 6 months of the grant showing how support from the DPC has helped career development and how the DPC’s support has brought practical benefits to their employer.

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. Only one scholarship is available per member per call, please coordinate with the DPC contact at your organisation to ensure competing applications are not submitted. The scholarship is not available to non-members. Individuals that have previously received a DPC scholarship for a different course may also apply for this call.

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

Eligible Organizations
Applications are welcome from officers and staff 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 the following agencies are eligible though they should confirm their application with the agency before applying:

- members of the Archives Records Association
- staff of Jisc or projects and services funded by Jisc
- staff or students funded by a grant from any UK Research Council (RCUK)
- members of staff employed by members of the UK LOCKSS Alliance

Applicants from the Archives and Records Association should contact Jeremy Leighton John or John Chambers before applying. Applicants from Jisc should contact Rachel Bruce (Jisc), applicants from Research Council projects and institutions should contact Juan Biccaregui (STFC) and applicants from UK LOCKSS Alliance should contact Adam Rusbridge before applying.

The DPC may pass the details of applications to designated contacts within these organizations 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 24th April 2015 to qualify.

How to Apply:
Applications should be received no later than midnight on Tuesday 6th October 2015 by email to william@dpconline.org. Applicants should complete and submit the relevant scholarship application form; this should be accompanied by an email or letter containing the explicit approval from your line manager or other senior executive to attend the course. The application form will be used by the selection committee to assess eligibility and the impact course attendance will have on the applicant’s professional development and the digital preservation work of their organisation.

Preference will be given to: junior staff and digital preservation practitioners who have not previously attended external digital preservation training; staff who would not otherwise be able to attend specialist training; and staff who will be able to apply learning outcomes of
the course or specific modules directly and speedily to their work. Applicants should mention if any of these conditions pertain to their own applications.

Applications will be assessed by a selection committee on the above criteria whose decision is final. Successful applicants will be notified on or before Friday 9th October 2015.

Note that registrations for the course are processed by the University of London. DPC cannot guarantee that places on the course will be held for unsuccessful candidates.

Other Grants from the DPC Leadership Programme
The DPC Leadership programme seeks to support all relevant training 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 more information about DPTP, including programme and registration, see: http://www.dptp.org/
- 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