14 – 16th November 2011 | Digital Preservation Training Programme

The Digital Preservation Coalition is pleased to offer **three fully funded scholarships** to attend the Digital Preservation Training Programme at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 14th - 16th November 2011.

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 provides the skills and knowledge necessary for institutions to combine organisational and technological perspectives and devise an appropriate response to the challenges that digital preservation needs present. DPTP is operated and organised by the University of London Computer Centre with contributions from invited experts. 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 the How to Run a Data Centre normally costs 780GBP per person. However, the Digital Preservation Coalition is pleased to offer **three fully funded scholarships** which meet the costs of the course. 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 sixth time the DPC has offered scholarships to attend the course. Successful applicants will be asked to help promote the course and the work of the coalition. The DPC has supported a total of twenty four scholarships to attend this course.

Eligibility:

The scholarship is available to DPC members, associates and personal members. A full list of eligible institutions is supplied at the end of this document. Prospective members may also apply. Only one scholarship is available per member per round. The scholarship is not available to non-members and individuals that have previously attended DPTP.

How to apply:

Applications should be received no later than 12:00 on Friday 28th October 2011 by email to carol@dpconline.org. They should be no more than three pages (A4) and should include:

- a **covering letter** which matches the application to the criteria below
- a **one page CV** of the applicant
- the **explicit approval** from your line manager or other senior executive
- a short statement indicating your **relationship to a DPC member institution.**

The covering letter should describe:

- The role that the course will play in your career development
- The benefits that accrue to a DPC member from your attendance at DPTP
- Your function in your organisation and how this relates to Digital Preservation

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 31st October 2011.

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. They may also be called on to act as informal ambassadors for Coalition from time to time.

We recommend that any member organisation 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.

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 following organizations:

Archaeology Data Service (University of York)	Archives and Records Association*
BBC	British Library
Cambridge University Library	Centre for E-Research (King's College London)
Creative Scotland*	Digital Curation Centre
English Heritage	Humanities Advanced Technology and Information Institute (University of Glasgow)
JISC*	Leeds University Library
MLA	Metropolitan Police Service
The National Archives	National Library of Ireland
National Library of Scotland	National Library of Wales
National Records of Scotland	OCLC
Open University	Oxford University Library Service
Parliamentary Archives	Portico
Public Record Office of Northern Ireland	Publishers Licensing Society*
Research Councils UK*	Research Information Network
Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland	Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales
St Andrews University	Tate
Trinity College Dublin	UK Data Archive (University of Essex)
UK LOCKSS Alliance	University of London Computing Centre
Wellcome Library	

*consortia and funders may nominate members, associates and grant holders – see below.

Eligible consortia

In addition, individuals associated with or funded through the following agencies are:

- members of the Archives Records Association (formerly the Society of Archivists)
- staff funded through JISC project grants
- staff or students funded by a UK Research Council (RCUK)
- project staff funded by Creative Scotland
- staff of institutions that are members of Publishers' Licensing Society

Applicants from the Archives and Records Association should contact Sarah Higgins or John Chambers before applying. Applicants from JISC should contact Neil Grindley (JISC), applicants from Research Council projects and institutions should contact Paul Gemill (RCUK) and applicants from Creative Scotland should contact Jaine Lumsden. Applicants from the Publishers' Licensing Society should contact the DPC offices in the first instance.

The DPC may pass the details of the application 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 20th October 2011 to qualify.

Other grants from the DPC Leadership Programme

It is expected that we will offer scholarships to attend DPTP again in early 2012 though the number and date have not been confirmed.

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. 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 Executive 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 william@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