The Digital Preservation Coalition is pleased to offer three scholarships to its members to attend the 2016 iPRES conference to be held in Bern, Switzerland, 3rd-6th October 2016. These scholarships are aimed at early-career professionals who have passed beyond the need for introductory training but do not have ready access to further development opportunities. The scholarships include conference fees and a contribution towards travel and subsistence.

iPRES is the longest standing digital preservation conference and this important event brings together key theorists, researchers and practitioners to explore the latest trends, innovations, policies and practices in digital preservation. iPRES 2016 will attract participants from leading institutions, projects and initiatives from all around the world. The conference will provide a unique development opportunity that will allow scholarship recipients to engage with the leading edge of digital preservation research and practice whilst also making new contacts within the digital preservation community.

The conference features key notes, conference sessions, panels, workshops, tutorials, poster sessions and a series of social activities. The core conference dates are:
- Monday, October 3, 2016
- Tuesday, October 4, 2016
- Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Workshops and tutorials will be held on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. The conference is hosted by the Swiss National Library and more information is available via the conference website: www.ipres2016.ch

Attendance at iPRES 2016 costs 420 CHF (~£300) per person. The Digital Preservation Coalition is pleased to offer three scholarships which meet the costs of the registration fees for full conference attendance, along with a bursary of up to £250 per scholarship which should be spent on travel and subsistence costs. 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 to the broader DPC community. With this in mind, recipients will be asked to act as multipliers for the conference content and to produce at least one output from the following list: Twitter coverage of the conference, a conference report or 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.

They 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.
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 are available to those who meet the following criteria:
- Are early-career: within 5 years of starting in a digital preservation role (time period does not include non-digital preservation roles);
- Have not previously attended a similar digital preservation conference;
- Are able to demonstrate clear benefits that would be gained from their attendance at the conference;
- Would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend.

**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](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 must confirm their application with the agency before applying:
- members of the Archives Records Association
- staff of 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 must 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 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 8th July 2016 to qualify.
How to Apply:
Applications should be received no later than 17:00 on Friday 8th July 2016 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 attend the course. The application form will be used by the selection committee to assess eligibility against the criteria listed above and the impact course attendance will have on the applicant’s professional development and the digital preservation work of their organisation.

Applications will be assessed by a selection committee on the above criteria whose 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 15th July 2016 and conference registration must be completed by 1st August 2016.

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