**Career Development Fund: Advertised Call for Grant**

ASA 2025 Telling Our Stories Conference

The Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) is pleased to offer a Career Development Fund grant to support a DPC Member attending the [2025 Australian Society of Archivists (ASA) Telling Our Stories Conference](https://ausarchivists.eventsair.com/asa2025/),taking place 10-13 November in Warrane/Warrang, Sydney, NSW.

This grant will cover 100% of the conference registration fees and provide a contribution towards travel and accommodation, and more details are provided below.

**About the ASA 2025 Telling Our Stories Conference**

Join the [Australian Society of Archivists (ASA)](https://www.archivists.org.au/) for this year’s conference [Telling Our Stories: Community, Connection, Resilience](https://ausarchivists.eventsair.com/asa2025/about):

*“The purpose of archives is often explained as being for the benefit of societal memory. As the International Council on Archives' Universal Declaration on Archives states; they are authoritative sources of information which play an essential role in the development of societies by safeguarding and contributing to individual and community memory and that open access to archives enriches our knowledge of human society, promotes democracy, protects citizens' rights, and enhances the quality of life.*

*What has been the societal impact of archives and archival practice over the past 50 years? How is this changing over time? How should it be changing?*

*The conference aims to bring together a wide range of perspectives and stories on our profession and practice by showcasing what archives mean to communities, institutions and individuals. It is also a space to explore where we have been, are, and want to develop as a sector.”*

The conference will be held from 10-13 November in Warrane/Warrang, Sydney, on the traditional land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. To find out more, please visit the conference website at <https://ausarchivists.eventsair.com/asa2025>.

**About the DPC Career Development Fund Grant**

This Career Development Fund grant will provide funding to help with expenses incurred in attending the ASA 2025 Telling Our Stories conference in person. This may be used towards any one or all of the following expenses:

* Conference registration fees
* Hotel booking for up to four nights (Sunday 9th November – Thursday 13th November) based on the suggested/preferred hotels list of conference organizers
* Contribution towards travel expenses (e.g., economy flight, train and/or public transport to/from Warrane/Warrang, Sydney)

The amount of funding is at the discretion of the review panel and will be explicitly stated in the grant offer letter to the successful applicant.

**Eligibility:**

All DPC Members are eligible for this Career Development Fund grant. Grant applications are invited from officers, staff and affiliates of the organizations listed as members of the DPC on the Coalition’s website: <https://www.dpconline.org/about/members>.

**Please note that only one application can be made per DPC Member per advertised grant opportunity.** In other words, a DPC Member organization may submit a maximum of one application—for one applicant—for this advertised ASA 2025 Telling Our Stories grant (e.g., an application for one staff member representing the DPC member organization). The main DPC Member contact will have final approval for who may apply on behalf of their organization, and interested applicants should take steps to ensure they are not inadvertently competing with colleagues.

Individuals associated with consortia or funded through agencies that are members of the DPC are eligible. However, they must confirm their application with the main DPC contact within the agency before applying. The DPC may pass the details of applications to the main DPC contact within these organizations as part of their assessment.

Honorary Personal Members of the DPC are eligible to apply for this grant.

Allied Organizations are not eligible to apply for this grant.

**Please note that this DPC Career Development Fund grant is not available to non-members.** Prospective members are eligible if their membership application is approved by the grant application deadline of 07:00 UTC on 8 August 2025. For information about joining, see <https://www.dpconline.org/about/join-us>.

**Conditions of Grant:**

It is our aim that the grant will primarily deliver benefits to an identifiable DPC member organization, but that there should also be a benefit to the broader DPC community. Therefore, recipients will be asked to produce outputs that will help disseminate the information or skills they have learned for the wider benefit of the DPC Membership. Outputs will be proportionate to the size of the grant awarded. For this grant, it may include, but is not limited to, a blog post on the DPC website and/or coverage of an event (e.g., Mastodon, Bluesky, Twitter, LinkedIn) or another output discussed with the Training and Grants Manager subsequent to the award.

We recommend that any member organization which supports an application discusses appropriate outcomes and benefits for the institution before submission.

**How to Apply:**

The form below should be used to apply for the advertised grant from the DPC Career Development Fund to attend the Telling Our Stories 2025 Conference, Warrane/Warrang, Sydney, 10-13 November 2025.

All sections of the application form should be completed and returned to the Training and Grants Manager ([amy.currie@dpconline.org](mailto:amy.currie@dpconline.org)), accompanied by explicit approval for attendance from a supervisor via email or attached letter, by **07:00 UTC | 17:00 AEST on 8th August 2025** [(click here to see the application deadline in your local time)](https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=DPC+Grant+Deadline+-+ASA+2025&iso=20250808T07&p1=1440).

The information provided in the form will be used by the selection committee to assess the applicant’s eligibility (Section 2) and the impact attendance will have on the applicant’s professional development and the digital preservation work of their organization (Section 3).

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee on the above criteria whose decision is final. The selection committee will be formed by the Head of Training and Skills, the Training and Grants Manager, and at least one member of the DPC’s Workforce Development Sub-Committee with no conflicts of interest.

Successful applicants will be notified on or before **22nd August 2025.**

For any questions relating to this grant programme, please email [amy.currie@dpconline.org](mailto:amy.currie@dpconline.org).

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**Career Development Fund: Application Form for Advertised Call**

ASA 2025 Telling Our Stories Conference

The following form should be used by staff at DPC member organizations to apply for the advertised Career Development Fund grant for the ASA 2025 Telling Our Stories Conference, taking place 10-13 November in Warrane/Warrang, Sydney, NSW.

Information provided in the form will be used by the selection committee to assess the applicant’s eligibility (Section 2) and the impact attendance will have on the applicant’s professional development and the digital preservation work of their organization (Section 3).

All sections should be completed and the form returned with explicit approval for attendance via email or attached letter, to Amy Currie ([amy.currie@dpconline.org](mailto:amy.currie@dpconline.org)) by **07:00 UTC | 17:00 AEST on 8th August 2025** ([click here to see in your local time](https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=DPC+Grant+Deadline+-+ASA+2025&iso=20250808T07&p1=1440)). For more details about eligibility and criteria for DPC grants, please read the [full Career Development Fund Guidelines](https://www.dpconline.org/digipres/prof-development/cdfund/cdf-guidelines).

1. **Personal Information**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Job Title** |  |
| **Contract Type** | Permanent  Short-term  Project Staff  Other:  If temporary, fixed or short-term, will you still be employed or associated with the DPC Member organization at the time of the Telling Our Stories Conference, on 10-13 November 2025?  Yes  No  Not Sure: |
| **Line Manager** |  |
| **Organization** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Telephone** |  |
| **Address** |  |

1. **Eligibility**

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| **Relationship to DPC** |
| Full Member  Associate Member  Allied  Personal/Individual  Prospective\* (please note prospective members are only eligible if their submitted DPC membership application is approved by the grant application deadline) |
| **Previous scholarships/grants received from DPC** |
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| **Number of years working in a digital preservation related role(s)** |
| Less than a year  1 to 5 years  More than 5 years  Other: |
| **Relevance of current role to the topic(s) covered by this grant opportunity (e.g., to the conference theme, sessions, courses, etc.)** [max. 100 words] |
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| **Previous digital preservation related events attended (e.g., training, workshops, briefing days, conferences, etc.)** |
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| **Funding** **Requested for (please indicate below the level of support you require to attend Telling Our Stories 2025):** |
| ☐ Conference Registration  ☐ Hotel booking (for up to four nights, Sunday 9th November – Thursday 13th November)  ☐ Contribution towards travel expenses (e.g., economy flight, train and/or public transport to/from Warrane/Warrang, Sydney)  Add any additional notes here: |
| **Would you be the only person from your organization attending Telling Our Stories 2025?** |
| Yes  No  Not Sure: |
| **Financial Need: Please describe why you are requesting this grant funding, providing evidence where possible (e.g., organization’s travel policy, details of previous unsuccessful applications, other barriers)** [max. 100 words] |
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| **Link to your blog, or previous examples of blogging** [optional] |
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1. **Relevance and Potential Impact of Event**

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| **Describe the relevance of your role to your organization’s digital preservation aims** [max. 300 words] |
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| **How will attending the development opportunity further your own professional development?** [max. 300 words] |
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| **How will the knowledge gained at the development opportunity benefit your organization more broadly?** [max. 300 words] |
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1. **Declaration**

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| **I agree to the terms and conditions of the grant as laid out in the call for applications, and I confirm I will report on the impact which this opportunity has had on my work (please tick)** | |  |
| **Date Completed** |  | |