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

NEDCC Digital Directions 2025

The Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) is pleased to offer a Career Development Fund grant for a DPC member to attend the[Northeast Document Conservation Center's (NEDCC) 2025 Digital Directions](https://www.nedcc.org/preservation-training/dd25), taking place online from 22-24 April 2025.

This Career Development Fund grant will cover 100% of the conference registration fees. DPC Members are welcome to apply until the grant application deadline of 17:00 EST | 22:00 UTC on **25 February 2025**, and more details are provided below**.**

**About NEDCC Digital Directions**

NEDCC’s [Digital Directions: Foundations for Digital Collections](https://www.nedcc.org/preservation-training/dd25) provides a comprehensive overview of digital preservation, presented by information professionals with deep experience in the preservation of cultural heritage materials. During three half-days of live, interactive, online training, you will learn foundational concepts, good practices, and practical strategies for managing digital collections, and you’ll gain confidence in decision-making for the preservation of your digital assets.

Topics include:

* key concepts and terminology in digital preservation
* building a digital project
* metadata
* copyright
* digital preservation tools
* special considerations for audiovisual and born-digital materials
* digital storage
* advocacy

To find out more, please visit <https://www.nedcc.org/preservation-training/dd25>.

**About the DPC Career Development Fund Grant**

This CDF grant will cover 100% of the full registration, which includes access to all presentation sessions. For more details, please visit the [Registration page](https://www.nedcc.org/preservation-training/dd25/dd25-registration) and the [Logistics page](https://www.nedcc.org/preservation-training/dd25/dd25-logistics) on the [NEDCC Digital Directions website](https://www.nedcc.org/preservation-training/dd25).

**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 one application—for one applicant—for this advertised grant for Digital Directions 2025 (e.g., one 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 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 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 17:00 EST | 22:00 UTC on 25th February 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, 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 online NEDCC Digital Directions 2025, 22-24 April 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 **17:00 EST | 22:00 UTC on 25th February** [(click to see the in local time).](https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=DPC+Career+Development+Fund+Grant+Deadline+-+Digital+Directions+2025&iso=20250225T22&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 **21st March 2025.**

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

**Acknowledgements:**

The Career Development Fund is sponsored by the DPC’s Supporters who recognize the benefit and seek to support a connected and trained digital preservation workforce. We gratefully acknowledge their financial support to this programme and ask applicants to acknowledge that support in any communications that result. At the time of writing, the Career Development Fund is supported by Arkivum, Artefactual Systems Inc., boxxe, Cerabyte, Evolved Binary, Ex Libris, Iron Mountain, Libnova, Max Communications, Preferred Media, Preservica and Simon P Wilson. [A full list of supporters is online here](https://www.dpconline.org/about/commercial-supporters).

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

NEDCC Digital Directions 2025

The following form should be used by staff at DPC member organizations to apply for the advertised Career Development Fund grant for the NEDCC Digital Directions 2025, taking place online, 22-24 April 2025.

Information provided 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 **17:00 EST | 22:00 UTC on Tuesday, 25th February 2025** ([click here to see your local time](https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=DPC+Career+Development+Fund+Grant+Deadline+-+Digital+Directions+2025&iso=20250225T22&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 you are temporary, fixed or short-term, will you still be employed or associated with the DPC Member organization at the time of Digital Directions, on 22-24 April 2025?  Yes  No  Not Sure: |
| **Line Manager** |  |
| **Organization** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Telephone** |  |
| **Twitter Username** |  |
| **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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| **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 colleagues who are attending, additional barriers)** [max. 100 words] |
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| **Link to your blog, or previous examples of blogging (if possible)** |
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1. **Relevance and Potential Impact of Event**

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| **Describe the relevance of your role to your organizations’ 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** |  | |