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

iPRES 2025 Conference

The DPC is pleased to offer a limited number of Career Development Fund grants to support DPC members attending the hybrid iPRES 2025 Conference, 3-7 November, at the Tākina Wellington Convention and Exhibition Centre in Te Whanganui-a-Tara (Wellington), Aotearoa (New Zealand).

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

**About the iPRES 2025 Conference**

[iPRES](https://ipres-conference.org/) is the premier international conference series on digital preservation. The conference brings together experts, practitioners, researchers, and policy makers in the field of digital preservation to share their knowledge, experiences, and innovations. It is a unique platform for the global digital preservation community to present research and innovative projects, share practical experience and best practices, discuss emerging trends and challenges and collaborate on future directions and solutions.

This year, [iPRES 2025](https://www.ipres2025.nz/), is being co-hosted by Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa National Library of New Zealand (NLNZ) and Te Rua Mahara o Kāwanatanga Archives New Zealand (ANZ). The themes for iPRES 2025 are [Haerenga (Journey), Tūtaki (Encounter), and Tūhono (Connect)](https://www.ipres2025.nz/conference-themes). These themes encourage reflections on the evolving practices, innovations and partnerships shaping the future of digital preservation. Each theme reinforces the others, creating a holistic view of how digital preservation research and practice can adapt, innovate and thrive.

The conference will be held from 3 -7 November 2025 and will be a hybrid event offering in-person and virtual attendance options. For more information, please visit the iPRES 2025 conference website at <https://www.ipres2025.nz/>.

**About the DPC Career Development Fund Grant**

This Career Development Fund grant will cover 100% of the fees for online or in-person conference registration.

The grant will also provide funding to help with expenses incurred if attending in person. This may be used towards any one or all of the following expenses:

* Hotel booking for up to five nights (Sunday 2nd November – Friday 7th November) based on suggested/preferred hotel list of conference organizers
* Contribution towards travel expenses (e.g., economy flight, train and/or public transport to/from Wellington)

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

**Eligibility:**

DPC Members are eligible to apply 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 for this advertised grant opportunity.** In other words, a DPC Member organization may submit a maximum of one application—for one applicant—for this advertised grant for iPRES 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 application deadline of 07:00 UTC | 19:00 NZST on 1st July 2025. For information about joining the DPC, 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 iPRES 2025 Conference taking place in Whanganui-a-Tara (Wellington), 3-7 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 | 19:00 NZST on 1st July 2025** ([click here to see in local time](https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=DPC+Grant+Deadline+-+iPRES+2025&iso=20250701T07&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 DPC’s Training and Grants Manager, Head of Workforce Development, and at least one member of the DPC’s Workforce Development Sub-Committee with no conflicts of interest in relation to the applicant. Additional members may be added if required.

Successful applicants will be notified on or before **29th July 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**

iPRES 2025 Conference

The following form should be used by staff at DPC member organizations to apply for the advertised Career Development Fund grant for the iPRES 2025 Conference, taking place in Whanganui-a-Tara (Wellington), 3-7 November.

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 **07:00 UTC | 19:00 NZST on 1st July 2025** ([click here to see your local time](https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=DPC+Grant+Deadline+-+iPRES+2025&iso=20250701T07&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, short-term or other, will you still be employed or associated with the DPC Member organization at the time of the iPRES 2025 Conference, on 3-7 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 iPRES 2025 conference themes, sessions, courses, etc.)** [max. 100 words] |
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| **Previous iPRES or other 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 iPRES 2025):** |
| ☐ Conference Registration  ☐ Hotel booking (for up to five nights, Sunday 2nd November – Friday 7th November)  ☐ Contribution towards travel expenses (e.g. covering cost of economy flight, train and/or public transport to/from Wellington)  Add any additional notes here: |
| **Would you be the only person from your organization attending iPRES 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 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** |  | |