Spotlight on the digital

Make your digital resources easier to discover

Jisc Discovery Scholarships

Jisc is awarding up to up to five “Discovery Scholarships” to Higher Education institutions to work with Jisc as part of a pilot to develop a training package on how to increase use and discovery of online digital resources to support research, teaching and learning.

Scholarships consist of a grant of £5,000 per institution. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please send your Expressions of interest to Karen Colbron (karen.colbron@jisc.ac.uk) by **5pm on Thursday, April 23rd, 2015**. Please see below for more details.

Resource Discovery Scholarships

Jisc is developing professional training aimed at librarians, information professionals, archivists and academics responsible for the creation and management of digital collections. The training will focus on increasing use and enhancing discovery of online digital resources to support research, teaching and learning. Aimed at practitioners who are seeking guidance on strategies, tools and best practice, this training package will consist of a mix of face to-face workshops, webinars, and supplementary advice based on the online guide [*Make Your Resources Easier to Discover*](http://www.jisc.ac.uk/guides/make-your-digital-resources-easier-to-discover).

As part of the development of the training offer, Jisc will be running a pilot to present a general overview of the issues and challenges in resource discovery as well as practical techniques, hands-on exercises and case studies to support the implementation of a variety of strategies to increase use and exposure of digital collections.

As a recipient of the “Digital Scholarships” you will help shape the form and content of the training, participate in the pilot rollout of the scheme, and provide case studies based on implementation of one or more of the resource discovery actions covered within the training. **The pilot will run between May 18 and July 31 2015**.

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The training package is being developed as part of the Spotlight on the Digital phase 2 project, which is implementing the recommendations of the previous phase of the project <http://bit.ly/1lVP2Db>

Please participate in this exciting training opportunity and help us to develop a course that will be of benefit to the wider community.

What Jisc will provide

* Grant of £5000 to cover staff costs and expenses to participate in the training pilot project
* Guidance through the pilot events and the development of the training content to assist practical implementation of resource discovery practices within your institution
* An initial introduction webinar to review the training framework and expectations for the training course, scheduled for Friday, May 22nd 2015
* Two hands-on face to face workshops (4.5 hours each) on techniques for online resource discovery
* Three two-hour webinars to complement and contextualise the training modules
* Supporting online content
* Links from the training package to the online guide “Make your digital resources easier to discover” (http://www.jisc.ac.uk/guides/make-your-digital-resources-easier-to-discover) to support the training modules and provide guidance on implementing resource discovery techniques within your institution

Your role

* Provide two members from your organisation to participate in the pilot
* Review and provide feedback on a draft outline of the training package
* Attend one-hour pilot kick-off webinar and provide feedback on the direction and components of the training
* Attend two face to face workshops (location to be confirmed)
* Participate in practical challenges presented during workshops
* Participate and provide feedback on three online course webinars
* Implement one or more components of the training modules, with support from Jisc and as feasible within your institution. For example, you may decide to put a selection of your images on Flickr or to reference your collections in Wikipedia and monitor their use and impact
* Produce a case study on the practical implementation of the training advice within your institution. Case studies should be supplied under a CC-BY licence to enable their reuse within the spotlight training modules, online guide and for marketing and communications in relation to the project

Expressions of interest

Please complete the attached document called Jisc\_discovery\_scholarship2015\_application and return by email to karen.colbron@jisc.ac.uk by **5pm on Thursday, April 23rd, 2015**