

LIANZA SLANZA TERTIARY GRANT FAQs

1. Who can apply for these library and information tertiary grants?

People who are eligible to apply for these grants are those who are looking to gain tertiary qualifications in indigenous knowledge management, library, and information studies. This includes qualifications relevant to public, school, tertiary, national and special libraries, and whānau, iwi and marae collections of taonga tuku iho. You could be new to the information and library sector, currently or previously working in the sector.

2. What are the funding priorities?

Funding is available to all people applying for a grant to support the completion of a library and information qualification.

In October 2022 priority will be given to applicants who are:

- New to the sector
- Seeking to start a new library and information qualification
- Under the age of 35
- Māori or Pasifika

3. I would like to apply for a grant but am not in a priority group for this round (I am over 35 years). Am I still able to apply?

We encourage everyone that is eligible for funding to apply for these grants. All applicants wanting to start a new library and information qualification will be considered. While there are priority groups – new to the sector, under 35 years old, Māori, Pasifika – we do not know how many applications may be received from these priority groups. We want to consider all eligible applicants as this is a significant fund to enable a qualifications uplift across the whole library and information sector.

4. Where can I study?

Applications are sought from people wanting to study library and information qualifications including certificates, diplomas, graduate certificates, bachelor's degrees, postgraduate certificates, postgraduate diplomas and master's degrees at either Victoria University of Wellington, Open Polytechnic, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, or Te Wānanga o Raukawa.

5. Do I need to be working in the library and information services to be eligible to apply for a grant?

No, you do not need to be currently working in a library or information service. We welcome people who are new to the library and information profession to apply for these grants.

6. If I already hold a library and information qualification, can I apply to do another qualification?

Yes, but it must be a library and information qualification at a higher level. You could be currently studying, or you could be wanting to return to study to achieve a higher qualification.

For example:

If you hold a Diploma in Library and Information Studies (Level 5) or Heke Puna Maumahara (Level 5), you could apply for a grant to complete a Bachelor of Library and Information Studies or Poutuarongo Puna Muamahara (Level 7).

If you hold a Bachelor of Library and Information Studies or Poutuarongo Puna Muamahara (Level 7) you could apply to start a post-graduate qualification.

7. If I am enrolled in a library and information qualification, can I get funding for the remaining courses to complete my current qualification?

These grants may NOT be used to fund remaining courses at the current level of the qualification you are enrolled in.

For example:

If you are enrolled in a Diploma in Library and Information Studies (Level 5) or Heke Puna Maumahara (Level 5) you will NOT receive funding to complete remaining courses at that same level.

If you are enrolled in a Certificate in Library and Information Services for Children and Teens (Level 6) you will NOT receive funding to complete the remaining courses at that same level.

If you are enrolled in a Postgraduate Certificate in Information Studies, you will NOT receive funding to complete remaining courses at that same level.

8. If I am enrolled in a library and information qualification, can I get funding to undertake the next higher level of my qualification?

While you cannot get funding for courses at your current level of qualification (see 4.0) you can seek funding to undertake the next higher level of your qualification.

For example:

If you are enrolled for Bachelor of Information Studies or Poutuarongo Puna Muamahara (Level 7) you could apply for a grant to complete the remaining higher levels of your degree e.g. if you have completed all Level 5 courses, you could apply for funding for Level 6 and Level 7 courses or if you have completed all Level 5 and 6 courses, you could apply for funding for Level 7 courses required to complete your Bachelors (Level 7) degree.

If you are enrolled for a Masters of Information Studies, you could apply for a grant to complete the remaining higher levels of your degree e.g. if you have completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Information Studies you could apply for funding to complete your Master's degree.

9. If I started a new qualification in Trimester Two, 2022 can I get retrospective funding?

Grant funding in the October 2022 round is provided to enable study starting in 2023 only.

10. Fees free – if I am also eligible for the Government’s fees-free scheme? Will I be able to get subsequent years of study funded by the LIANZA-SLANZA tertiary grants?

If you qualify for Fees Free in your first year of study, then yes complete a grant application for study in the following year. When you apply you will be asked to provide evidence that your first-year fees were free.

You can check whether you are eligible by visiting: <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz> You will need your National Student Number (NSN) ready.

Students who qualify for 'Fees Free' in 2023 (i.e. your first year) must apply for either their full diploma or full bachelor’s qualification to be eligible for a grant. In other words, grants will not be awarded to first-year students who only apply for Level 5 studies already covered by the Fees Free scheme.

11. If I get a LIANZA SLANZA tertiary grant, am I also eligible for student allowance?

Student allowance is designed to help with living expenses while you are studying. Students who receive grants that cover course fees may be eligible for a student allowance. However, you will need to check with StudyLink (Hoto Akoranga) regarding your eligibility as it depends on each person’s individual’s circumstances.

12. Do I have to pay my tuition costs up front and get reimbursed later?

Successful grant recipients will have course fees paid directly to the tertiary provider, on successful enrolment.

Grant funding is unable to be used to refund tertiary costs that have been previously provided by another funder (for example an employer).

13. Can I apply to undertake qualifications offered at different tertiary institutions in New Zealand, or can I only choose library and information qualifications at Victoria University of Wellington, Open Polytechnic, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, or Te Wānanga o Raukawa?

In 2022 grants will only be given for certificates, diplomas, bachelor degrees, graduate certificates, graduate diplomas, post-graduate certificates, post-graduate diplomas and Masters degrees at either Victoria University, Open Polytechnic, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa or Te Wānanga o Raukawa.

Funding for PhD and master’s by thesis will NOT be provided in October 2022 but will be under consideration for future funding rounds.

14. Can I apply for funding to undertake library and information qualifications at an overseas institution?

No, these funds are only for study in New Zealand.

15. If I am an international student, can I apply for this tertiary fund?

You must be eligible to study in New Zealand and hold New Zealand residency or citizenship.

16. What will this funding cover, is it only tuition costs?

Grants will provide funding first and foremost for tertiary fees. Consideration may be given to funding other costs which are critical for you to carry out your studies, such as childcare, accommodation, travel, technology, and research-related costs.

17. What is the maximum funding I can get?

Grant values will be assessed according to the range of applications received in the grant round as well as each student's needs. In 2022, it is expected that grants will be up to \$10,000 per annum. Our preference is for grants to be provided that allows applicants to complete their studies.

18. Can I apply for multi-year funding for my entire library and information qualification?

Multi-year funding may be approved on receipt of the original application. However, a continuation of the funding will be formally approved each subsequent year depending on successful course completion and student reporting.

19. I cannot study this year. When will future funding rounds be open for applications?

If you cannot study this year, you should aim to apply by October 4, 2023 and start studying in Trimester One, 2024. There will be annual grant rounds in October in 2023 and 2024.