

Funding Guideline: LIANZA and SLANZA Tertiary Grants

March 2022 Funding Round

Background

The Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) and the School Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (SLANZA) formed a strategic partnership in 2021 to enable a qualification uplift across the entire library and information sector. The funding aims to provide greater access to qualifications and contribute to widening the diversity of the library and information workforce.

Purpose

The purpose of the tertiary grants funding is to:

- upskill the current workforce with library and information tertiary qualifications
- attract new people to achieve tertiary qualifications and gain employment in the library and information sector
- ensure the workforce is qualified and future-ready to demonstrate the value and impact of library and information services.

Application Guidelines

On behalf of the LIANZA and SLANZA Partnership, Perpetual Guardian seeks grant applications from people 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.

In 2022 applications will be sought from:

- Individuals seeking to undertake library and information qualifications including certificates, diplomas, bachelor's degrees, graduate certificates, postgraduate certificates, postgraduate diplomas and master's degrees at either Victoria University of Wellington, Open Polytechnic or Te Wānanga o Raukawa.
- Individuals new to or already working in the library and information sector.
- Individuals seeking to start their first library and information qualification.
- Individuals who hold a library and information qualification seeking to start a new higher-level library and information qualification.
- Individuals who can demonstrate they are motivated and determined to help the library and information sector grow and flourish in the future.
- Enrolled students seeking support to move to the next higher level of their current library and information qualification.

For example

Students enrolled for Bachelor of Library and Information Studies or Poutuarongo Puna Muamahara (Level 7) can apply for a grant to complete the remaining higher levels of their degree e.g. students who have completed Level 5 courses could apply for funding for Level 6 and Level 7 courses or students who have completed Level 5 and 6 courses, could apply for funding for Level 7 courses required to complete their Bachelors (Level 7) degree.

Students enrolled for a Masters of Information Studies, could apply for a grant to complete the remaining higher levels of their degree e.g. students who have completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Information Studies could apply for funding for courses required to complete their Master's degree.

Funding will NOT be provided to help applicants complete remaining courses at the current level of the qualification they are enrolled in.

For example

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

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

Students enrolled for a Postgraduate Certificate in Information Studies will NOT receive funding to complete remaining courses at that level.

Funding Priorities in 2022

In March and October funding rounds in 2022, priority will be given to applicants who are

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

Grant Round March 2022

One additional grant round will be offered in March 2022.

This grant round is intended for students commencing study in Trimester Two, 2022.

Retrospective Grants

Retrospective grants for students who started their qualification in Trimester One, 2022 will be considered in the March 2022 funding round only.

What can be funded?

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, research-related costs etc.

Funding for postgraduate qualifications

Funding for PhD and master's by thesis will not be provided in March 2022 but will be under consideration for future funding rounds.

What is the value of the grant?

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 sufficiently substantial to enable individuals to complete their study in its entirety.

Required documents

Before you start your application, ensure you have documentation that evidences your work-ethic. You could provide your official academic record, a reference from an employer, mentor or educational staff member, church leader or someone similar.

It is important that you provide information demonstrating your willingness to work hard along with your ability to see things through to the end.

Successful applicants will be required to provide further documentation including proof of enrolment to activate the grant.

Funding process

- Applications will be open from March 1 to March 31, 2022.
- All applications must be completed via the online application form.
- The length of the assessment process is dependent on the volume of applications and all applicants will be notified of the decision. During the assessment period, further clarification may be sought from the applicant regarding their application.
- Short-listed applicants may be required to present to the assessment panel.
- Successful applicants can expect that their fees will be paid either annually or in instalments, according to the conditions of the grant and the requirements of the tertiary education provider. Grants may be conditional based on receipt of reports from recipients indicating their continued hard work and achievement.

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

Application feedback and appeals

Due to the volume of applications normally received, we are unable to provide detailed feedback on unsuccessful applications. Please note the assessment panel's decision is final and not subject to an appeals process.

Reporting

Successful applicants will be expected to report on their grant and academic progress.

Reporting requirements may differ per applicant, depending on individual financial needs.

Reporting Requirements

The following is an example of the reporting requirements you can expect:

- **Mid-year update:** Live check-in

We value personal interaction and hearing about your work from you directly. On this basis, Perpetual Guardian will check-in regarding your progress, any challenges you may be facing and to confirm you are progressing as expected.

- **Annual Report:** e-Report via online portal

Around year end, you will need to provide a more formal update about your work. This update will include completion of a short-form digital report which may include the following questions:

- What mahi or work did this grant enable you to achieve?
- What were the intended outcomes of your grant?
- What changed for you because of the grant?
- Do you have any stories of change to share?
- Attach any photos and/or videos (if applicable).