Funding Guidelines: LIANZA and SLANZA Tertiary Grants

October 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 starting their first library and information qualification
- Individuals new to the sector seeking to undertake library and information qualifications including certificates, diplomas, bachelor 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
- Individuals new to or already working in the library and information sector
- 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
- In the October 2022 round, grants are provided to enable study starting in 2023 only.

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 who have completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Information Studies could apply for funding for their Master of Information Studies.

Funding will NOT be provided to help applicants complete the <u>remaining course</u> of the qualification they are currently 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 the October funding round in 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

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This grant round is intended for students commencing study in Trimester One, 2023.

Retrospective Grants
Retrospective grants for students who started their qualifications in 2022 or earlier will not be considered.

Qualifications considered for funding **Open Polytechnic Kuratini Tuwhera | Te Pūkenga**

Bachelor of Library and Information Studies L7
New Zealand Certificate in Library and Information Services for Children and Teens L6
New Zealand Diploma in Library and Information Studies L5

New Zealand Diploma in Records and Information Management L5 - L6
Graduate Certificate in Library and Information Leadership L7
Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Leadership Level 7

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
He Waka Hiringa Master of Applied Indigenous Knowledge L9

Te Wānanga o Raukawa
Heke Puna Maumahara Diploma in Information Management L5
Poutuarongo Puna Maumahara Bachelor of Information Management L7

Victoria University of Wellington Te Herenga Waka
Master of Information Studies Postgraduate Diploma in Information Studies Postgraduate
Certificate in Information Studies

What can be funded?

Grants will provide funding first and foremost for tertiary fees. Consideration <u>may</u> 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.

Funding for postgraduate qualifications
Funding for PhD and master's by thesis will **not** be provided in 2022 but may will be considered 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 provided that allows applicants to complete their qualification.

Required documents

Before you start your application, ensure you have documents that evidence 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 October 4 to October 22.
- All applications must be completed via the online application form on the Perpetual Guardian website. Applicants must first register on this site.

- 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.
- Successful applicants can expect that their fees will be paid either annually or in installments (multi-year) according to the conditions of the grant and the requirements of the tertiary education provider. Grants may be conditional on receipt of reports from recipients.

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, and remain open and transparent with the LIANZA SLANZA Strategic Partnership Group. Reporting requirements may differ per applicant.

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 confirm you are progressing as expected.

- **Minimum of one annual report**

We want to receive a more formal update about your work via a short-form digital report in the Perpetual Guardian Funding Hub.

Evaluation

Grantees will be invited to participate in the following evaluations in addition to reporting:

1. Baseline survey - timed for the beginning of your study
2. End of qualification survey
3. You may also be invited to participate in a one-to-one interview or to submit a small case study after you have completed your qualification.