

KCML Policy on Ministers Life-long Learning Grants

Applications are invited in June and October each year for post-ordination life-long learning grants for ministers in good standing of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. Grants are usually 50% of academic/course fees. These grants are made possible through the generosity of the Mary Ann Morrison and M S Robertson estates and are administered by the *Senatus* of the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership.

Who can apply?

Ministers (NOM, LOM, Amorangi) in good standing in the PCANZ, including those who have been accepted through the Receptions process by the Personnel Workgroup; and have been asked to complete supplementary study as part of the requirements.

What are the rules?

1. The proposed course of learning will aid the applicant's professional development as a ministry practitioner.
2. There is a defined benefit to mission and ministry at local, regional or national levels of the PCANZ.
3. Ministry context and Presbytery approval has been obtained for the learning.
4. A report (whether in person, in paper or in other creative means), is made to KCML and Hewitson Library, summarising the learnings for mission and ministry.

Priority is normally given to assisting with the payment of **academic or course fees** for an approved course of learning. Other costs associated with undertaking certain courses are considered on a case by case basis, but **do not include** the purchase of books or equipment. Where overseas travel is involved, applicants should first apply to the **Best Travel Fund**.

Applications for course fees for \$200 or less are eligible for 100% of the course fees.

Grants are not made retrospectively and relate only to costs to be incurred by the applicant themselves.

Successful applicants who move to ministries or other positions outside of the PCANZ within two years of receiving a grant may be required to repay up to 50% of the grant received.

Applicants are asked to address the criteria and set out their expected costs including conference fees, tuition fees, basic accommodation and travel, and to supply any other information that may be relevant.

Review

This policy is to be reviewed three years after approval.

Approved by Senatus at its meeting on 25th November 2019