

Cheryl Haughton QPLA Scholarship

About the Scholarship

The Cheryl Haughton Scholarship provides the opportunity for library staff to fulfill a professional development need that is outside of their library's normal staff development training resources.

Cheryl Haughton was instrumental in the development of QPLA from 1979 when the idea to form an association was born until 1981 when the first meeting occurred. Cheryl was a founding member of the association, holding the positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer, in addition to conference convenor over many years. Cheryl is currently retired, however is still very active within the library sector.

The intention of the Scholarship topic is for the successful applicant to gain skills and knowledge to benefit both the applicant and the management of their library service. It is further expected that the scholarship project will have demonstrated value for the broader QLD public library network.

Some examples of acceptable projects may include, but not be limited to:

- Short study tour to examine a specific area of the practices being undertaken across the public library sector and how you could adapt for your environment.
- Any travel to a conference must include visits to relevant sites in the vicinity of the conference as part of the program structure.
- Staff Exchange.
- Research Project.

Who can apply?

- Permanent staff members within the QLD public library network who have been working in the library and information profession for more than two years, and
- The Council they are employed by is a current financial member of the Queensland Public Libraries Association.

Award prize

The scholarship provides funding of up to \$5,000 that includes:

- Costs associated with the research project including travel and accommodation.
- Travel and accommodation to attend QPLA Professional Development in 2025 to present the final report should also be taken from the scholarship.
- Registration to the QPLA conference will be provided by QPLA.
- Attending the QPLA Professional Development in 2025 is a requirement of accepting the scholarship.

Submitting Applications

- Applications to be submitted before the closing date.
 - Late applications will not be considered unless prior arrangements have been made.
 - A letter signed by your library Manager supporting your application.
 - Joint applications from within the same library service will be considered.
 - Collaborative applications for professional development programs will be accepted from Regions of QPLA, only if all collaborators are financial members of QPLA.
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Timeframe

- The successful recipient of the scholarship will be announced at the QPLA Annual General Meeting in October 2024.
 - Research and findings are to be presented to the QPLA Professional Development in 2025.
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Terms & Conditions

The conditions of acceptance require that:

- The recipient must be a staff member from a Council that is a current financial member of the Queensland Public Libraries Association.
- The recipient is a permanent employee of the council in which you work.
- The recipient must present their findings at the QPLA Professional Development in 2025.
- The recipient must present provide a written report that can be made available on the QPLA website.
- The recipient is required to have two years' experience in the library and information sector.
- Is **not** intended to be used to fund formal academic research projects or course fees.
- Is intended to augment, not replace, existing Council's/library training budgets.

Following initial assessment, applicants will be short-listed. Applicants may be interviewed for further information and assessment.

Selection Criteria

Scholarships will be awarded based on the following five criteria. Please ensure you address the selection criteria listed below within your application. (Responses should be between 250-500 words). Responses that do meet the word count will not be considered.

Selection Criteria 1 Applicant background and information supporting your application.

Selection Criteria 2 Why you have chosen the proposed project/research and the ability to indicate the aims and purpose.

Selection Criteria 3 What you will achieve personally, professionally and for your organisation.

Selection Criteria 4 How you intend to be a positive ambassador within the Public Library Sector.

Selection Criteria 5 How you anticipate that your project will benefit the broader QLD Public Library Network.

Applications Close: 13 September 2024

Send Application to: secretary@qpla.asn.au

Email Subject: Cheryl Haughton Scholarship Application