

Ako Aotearoa

Good Practice Publication Grants 2011: Now Seeking Applications

Sustainable improvement of outcomes for learners is about both the improvement of individual practice and systematic organisational support to enhance educational performance. The Ako Aotearoa Good Practice Publication Grant (GPPG) scheme has a broad inclusive scope, is open to any recognised tertiary education organisation, and focuses on interventions that have demonstrated benefit for learners.



There are two GPPG streams: Organisational GPPGs and Individual/Group GPPGs

Individual/Group GPPG stream

The Ako Aotearoa Individual/Group GPPG stream showcases proven good practice into tertiary teaching and learning by individuals/groups. The publication must include evidence of learner benefit through systematic collection of evidence.

Organisational GPPG stream

The Ako Aotearoa Organisational GPPG stream will showcase suites of organisational strategies designed to improve teaching and learning that have been widely and sustainably implemented, and proven to be effective.



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Ako Aotearoa Individual/Group Good Practice Publication Grants

Individual/group grants are available to enable groups or individuals, to obtain time and resources to celebrate and share their proven good practice of teaching and/or supporting learners.

By proven good practice we mean practice that has been shown to benefit learners through a previous research or evaluative exercise. This may be through (but not limited to):

- Learner evaluations triangulated against data for learner achievement
- Independent evaluation
- Systematic research

Applications must be endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer/Tumuaki. Organisations can endorse up to three applications per funding round.

Up to 20 grants are available during 2011. The maximum grant allocation for a written account of good practice with suitable digital images is \$3,000. Submissions may also be in the form of a digital video or multi-media presentation to a professional standard (\$5,000 maximum).

Applications close 5pm Friday 28th October 2011. Applicants will be notified of the result by the 25th November 2011.

Ako Aotearoa Organisational Good Practice Publication Grants

To be supported through this scheme, the organisational strategies must:

- Have been implemented for at least two years.
- Have been systematically evaluated either by way of robust evaluation or independent research to demonstrate learner benefit.
- Are subject to ongoing review based on clear evidence demonstrating that they are effective in enhancing learning.

To meet the criteria of an organisation in this context the strategies should involve either the whole organisation, or, for larger organisations in particular, an operational unit within that organisation that offers a portfolio of programmes or services (e.g. a teaching department, college, faculty, learning support centre, or library). We would expect an organisational unit within a larger organisation to comprise a minimum of 10 full-time equivalent staff.

Applications must be endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer/Tumuaki. Organisations can only endorse one application per funding round.

Up to three grants are available during 2011. The maximum grant allocation is \$10,000 (GST inclusive). Publications must be in the form of either:

- a 2000 word summary accompanied by a digital video or multi-media presentation to a 'professional standard' of up to 10 minutes in length, or
- a 5000 word report with a brief executive summary.

Applications close 5pm Friday 18th November 2011. Applicants will be notified of the result by the 16th December 2011.

Further Information

More information, including application forms, guidelines, and selection criteria are available at <http://akoaotearoa.ac.nz/good-practice-publication-grants> or contact your Regional Hub.