

Postgraduate Information Studies

EMPLOYER GUIDE



POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION STUDIES

INTRODUCTION

The Wellington School of Business and Government's tiered family of fully online postgraduate Information Studies qualifications are aimed at working information professionals who want to get the skills needed to manage information in today's fast-changing world. Aotearoa New Zealand government departments, businesses, libraries, museums, marae, iwi, and archives all need people who can identify relevant information, retrieve it, organise it, and make sure people can use it in an ethical way.

We've put together this guide to show you how to maximise your return on investment from your top talent.

I am happy to answer any questions you have and look forward to working with you.

Professor Anne Goulding

Postgraduate Information Studies programme director



WHY POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION STUDIES?

A postgraduate Information Studies qualification will give your employee the broad skills and knowledge they need to work in many information professions. Their studies will include:

- ▶ core courses covering different information professions, services and databases, information policy and access issues, and how to carry out research in information management
- ▶ research projects where students investigate an information management problem
- ▶ additional courses chosen from a range of options to align with your employee's interests and career goals. Some possible options include Māori information sources, managing archives, and digital technologies.

Diploma, certificate, and single course options

Depending on your employee's goals, they can opt for the shorter Postgraduate Certificate (PGCertIS) or Postgraduate Diploma (PGDipIS) qualifications. These are valuable standalone programmes that can also be used as stepping stones towards the Master's degree.

Most postgraduate Information Studies courses can also be studied individually. This is useful for targeted professional development and will help your employee to achieve a certificate of proficiency in that particular subject area.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Information Studies

Duration: 16 months, 4 trimesters*

Postgraduate Diploma in Information Studies

Duration: 12 months, 3 trimesters*

Postgraduate Certificate in Information Studies

Duration: 8 months, 2 trimesters*

All qualifications start in February (Trimester 1) and July (Trimester 2) and are taught online as evening lectures.

*Longer if studied part time.

WHY SPONSOR SOMEONE?

There are many reasons why you may sponsor an employee to complete a postgraduate Information Studies qualification.

- ▶ Postgraduate Information Studies transforms your employee's thinking and decision-making ability, and develops leadership skills that are invaluable to organisations.
- ▶ Your employee will learn from academic and professional leaders and build powerful networks, creating connections that will benefit your organisation.
- ▶ Your employee will develop advanced skills and gain new insights that will benefit your organisation from day one, taking what is learnt in the classroom and immediately applying it to the workplace.
- ▶ The flexible online format of our postgraduate Information Studies programmes ensures employees can maintain their work responsibilities alongside their study.

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

We suggest the following options to sponsor your employees.

Work time

Some candidates may choose to study part time and remain in full-time employment. These candidates will occasionally require time off to complete their studies.

You may want to negotiate agreed study days, unpaid leave, holidays, and time in lieu with your employee.

Financial support

Financial support could include full funding, matched funding, percentage splits, reduced hours, salary sacrifice, staged tuition reimbursement, or bonus payments. You may also want to specify a contractual obligation for your employee to stay with the organisation for a set number of years after completing their qualification.



“Selwyn District Council were really supportive throughout our study, including contributing to tuition fees and making flexible arrangements for study days—particularly around handing in assignments. Having the support of our employer was the only thing that made study possible.”

Mat Logan

Graduate, Master of Information Studies
Culture, content, and learning manager for Selwyn District Council

“Having your employer show their support by investing in you and your future means a lot. The arrangement with our employer was ‘no strings attached’, which made a massive difference for me in terms of wanting to continue working there.”

Sara Boyd

Graduate, Master of Information Studies
Heritage and content lead for Selwyn District Council

WHY THE WELLINGTON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT?

Studying at the Wellington School of Business and Government offers many advantages.

Capital connections

The Wellington School of Business and Government is located in the heart of Aotearoa New Zealand's creative, compact, and vibrant capital, where business and government meet.

Global accreditations

The Wellington School of Business and Government is one of an elite group worldwide to be accredited by the world's most highly recognised international business accreditation agencies. You can be confident that your employee's qualification will stand up against the best around the world.

International connections and options

Students studying for a qualification in Information Studies will benefit from the Wellington School of Business and Government's membership of the WISE (Web-based Information Science) Consortium that links top schools of library and information studies from North America and Oceania. Online courses are made available to other members and students can choose to do up to two of these in their qualification.

Professional recognition

The Master of Information Studies is recognised by a range of local and international professional bodies, including the Library and Information Association New Zealand (LIANZA) and Records and Information Management Professionals Australasia (RIMPA).



CONTACT DETAILS

Contact a member of the Information Studies team if you would like more information about our postgraduate Information Studies programmes, or to discuss how you can best support an employee to study.

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