

Criteria for Award Completion Funding 2008

GLPQ Consortium has some residual funds that we are making available as support for candidates who are intending to complete a PQ award by 27 September 2008. Application forms are available from the website at <http://www.glpq.com/resources-library.htm>

Forward planning

The GSCC's transition timetable states that 27 September 2008 is the final date for claiming awards achieved in the current PQ framework with the GSCC. This is a final cut-off date and any claims for PQ1, PQSW or AASW certificates lodged with the GSCC after this date will not be processed.

Candidates embarking on accredited programmes leading to a full PQSW or AASW award under the current PQ framework, are advised to discuss arrangements with their Course Providers for completing their PQ1, PQSW or AASW awards sufficiently ahead of the cut-off date.

NB Any candidate undertaking a course under the current framework who will not complete in time to claim their award before 27 September 2008 is not eligible for this completion funding.

Portfolios

All candidates planning to evidence the PQSW or AASW requirements through independent portfolios of work-based evidence can only do so via the Supported Learning Route (SLR). Details of the accredited providers of this route are available on request from GLPQ Consortium (info@glpq.com). Funding is being offered towards the cost of preparation and assessment under the Supported Learning Route arrangement.

Application documentation

In order to be considered **application forms will need to be fully completed and signed** and accompanied by a **Course Provider letter** (including Supported Learning Route Providers) to confirm the course being undertaken and the fee being charged.

Conditions

- Funding will only be given to candidates who are already registered with GLPQ for a Post Qualifying or Advanced Award in Social Work.
- Funding will only be given to candidates who will complete a PQ award through an accredited provider in time to claim their award by 27 September 2008.
- If the course undertaken is accredited by GLPQ, candidates must have commenced the course no later than September 2007.
- Funding will not be allocated to candidates who are being fully funded by their employers.
- Funding will not exceed £1000 per candidate.
- Reasonable expenses can be claimed, up to a maximum of £300.
- If discretionary hardship is demonstrated, an allocation may be increased to a maximum of £1000.

Studies eligible for completion funding

For the following studies, a standard allocation of 30% of the cost of tuition fees or mentoring fees and assessment fees will be given up to a maximum allocation of £1000.

- Accredited PQ1 programme
- Accredited PQSW programme
- Accredited partial credit programme that enables the candidate to complete the full PQSW
- Accredited AASW programme
- Accredited partial credit programme that enables the candidate to complete the full AASW
- PQ1 portfolio via an accredited Supported Learning Route (SLR)
- PQSW portfolio via an accredited Supported Learning Route (SLR)
- Partial PQSW portfolio, via an accredited SLR, which enables the candidate to complete the full PQSW
- AASW portfolio via an accredited Supported Learning Route (SLR)

- Partial AASW portfolio, via an accredited SLR, which enables the candidate to complete the full AASW
- Approved Social Worker (ASW) programmes
- Mental Health Social Work (MHSW) programmes
- Post Qualifying Award in Child Care (PQCCA) programmes
- Practice Teaching (PT) programmes

Payment of allocations

Funding for tuition, mentoring and assessment fees will be paid to the Course or SLR provider or to the Accredited Assessment Centre direct. Only funding towards expenses will be paid direct to candidates. No funding will be paid without proof of the candidate's place on the course or SLR or intention to submit a portfolio to an Accredited Assessment Centre.

Please note the following:

- All provisions concerning the allocation of funding are subject to the availability of funds.
- The criteria governing the allocation of funding are reviewed periodically and may change without prior notice.
- It is important to understand that the limited funds available to the Consortium to support candidates are finite and capped.
- GLPQ currently intends to receive applications up to **15 August 2008**. However, because of the difficulty of predicting demand, candidates are encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible as it may be necessary to close the fund before this date.
- Applications can be sent in at any time up to the final deadline date.
- All applications will be considered on a first come first served basis.

Social Workers Educational Trust

Bursaries are also available through the Social Workers Educational Trust. Application forms can be obtained from them at the following address:-

Social Workers Educational Trust, BASW, 16 Kent Street, Birmingham, B5 6RD.