



ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP AWARD

PURPOSE OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The purpose of the CPPA Fellowship is to provide member principals with paid leave and a grant to undertake an in-depth inquiry or research, in an area of educational interest, which will be of both personal benefit and of benefit to other principals and schools.

ELIGIBILITY

Any member of the CPPA whose school is in the Canterbury region is eligible to apply.

Board approval must be obtained by the applicant

NATURE OF THE AWARD

The successful applicant will receive leave from their present position, subject to their Board of Trustees approval, on full pay, for up to twelve weeks plus an expenses grant of \$10,000.

The terms of the award are particularly generous as the Ministry of Education not only funds the principal's release but provides an additional staffing entitlement to cover the salaries of those taking on extra duties as a result of the principal's absence.

The application must:

- Clearly indicate the educational inquiry topic, state the 'research question' that will be investigated.
- Provide exposition of the local, national or international research on the subject.
- Indicate the nature of the research to be carried out, and/or the sites that which it is expected to be visited and the basis for their selection. [It is not necessary to include a detailed itinerary.]
- Outline the applicant's experience, knowledge and interest in the area of investigation
- Show how this study will benefit educators and /or administrators in primary education. This is of paramount importance.

N.B The Fellowship Committee has as one of its criteria for awarding the

fellowship, “the relevance, interest and likely benefit of this study to both the principal concerned and colleagues in the Canterbury region.”

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The Selection Committee is made up of the CPPA President, One other Office Holder CPPA, Regional Manager, Ministry of Education Christchurch (or nominee) and an academic from the University of Canterbury. They meet within a fortnight of the closing date for applications. The Selection Committee reserves the right to withhold the Fellowship in a particular year.

Proposals are evaluated using the following criteria:

- The inquiry topic and research question are clearly presented
- The methodology clearly explains how the inquiry will be undertaken
- the clarity and appropriateness of the expected outcomes of the study
- the relevance of the investigation and its probable findings, to either school administration / or school development, classroom practice, or professional development
- the level of experience, skill and interest demonstrated by the applicant with respect to the proposed inquiry, research question and method of investigation.
- identification of a research mentor

RESPONSIBILITIES OF FELLOWSHIP HOLDERS

Successful applicants are expected to:

- complete the planning of their investigation prior to taking up the Fellowship with the support of an appropriate academic where applicable.
- undertake the investigation described in their application
- complete their investigation during the period of the award
- present a report to the CPPA within a negotiated time frame through a presentation at a CPPA meeting and to other relevant professional groups. This presentation must in the first instance, be presented to CPPA members through an event organized by the programme committee. It is not expected that any further presentations of this material will be for financial gain for either the fellowship recipient or any other person or organization. .
- maintain a financial statement outlining expenses incurred during the Fellowship.

Timeframe:

Applications open: Thursday 31 July 2025
Applications close: Sunday 12 October 2025
Notification: Monday 3 November 2025

The Fellowship will be officially announced at CPPA Christmas lunch on Thursday 4 December.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Inquiries regarding the way in which applications should be made are encouraged.

Such inquiries should be addressed in the first instance to:

Lisa Dillon-Roberts
President
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president@cpga.ac.nz

Address for Application

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Some recipients of the award have used it to travel in New Zealand or overseas to see at first hand the work of successful schools and educators in that same field of interest.

Recent fellowship holders able to be contacted to discuss proposals include:

2017 Denise Torrey (Somerfield) *Impact of Middle Leaders Programme*
2018 Christine Harris (Thorrington) *Kura is a place where we all connect*
2020/21 Lynda Taylor (Leeston)
2023 Sylvia Fidow (West Rolleston) *Parent engagement and representation from our Māori, Pacific, Asian and other ethnic communities.*
2023 Lisa Dillon-Roberts (Merrin) *Community re-engagement post Pandemic.*
* Two fellowships were awarded in 2023, due to Covid's interruption to the programme in 2022
2024 Liz Weir (Rāwhiti) *Principals' attestation to the development and practice of te reo me ngā tikanga Māori during the re-registration process.*
2025 James Griggs (Heaton Normal Intermediate) *Exploring the conditions for success in developing trainee teachers.*