# Summit grant to attend the Christchurch Women in Public Summit (WIPS)

The Southern GWN Te aka Wāhine o te Waipounamu welcome your application to attend the Southern Women in Public Service Summit on 28 October, 2021.

Grants will cover the WIPS registration fee for in-person attendance only, as well as accommodation and travel where applicable.

Our focus is on supporting people who would normally not be able to attend an event like this one.

Diverse members of the public sector are strongly encouraged to apply. Selection criteria are:

* Applicant has not previously attended WIPS (including Auckland, Wellington and Virtual Summit 2021)
* Applicant has been working in public sector five years or less
* Attending WIPS forms part of a career development plan
* Applicant has a plan to share what they learn with others

Your short application will outline how attending the Summit will contribute to your career development, as well as benefit your team or network.

Deadline to submit your grant application is COB 26September 2021.

Your grant application will be assessed the following week and you should have a final decision by 29 September 2021.

After your experience we will ask you to share some of your insights and how you’ll apply those at work. We will use these stories for our newsletter and other channels.

You will need agreement from your manager before applying for this grant. We also recommend marking a placeholder in your calendar for 28 October in the event you are one of the five successful applicants.

Please send your completed form to SGWN@gwn.govt.nz.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the above email address.

# Application FAQs

### Why do I need my manager’s approval when everything is paid for?

To make sure your manager can make plans to cover your work when you are away, and to make sure the benefits of attending the Summit are included in your overall development plan.

### Is the grant restricted to women?

No, the grant is open to anyone who believes they meet the selection criteria.

### Can I apply even though I am not based in Christchurch?

Yes, the grant is open to anyone who believes they meet the selection criteria.

### Why is diverse representation important for this grant?

GWN is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive public service as outlined in the Public Service Act. Diversity amongst Summit attendees helps us ensure that we are making opportunities available to all public servants and can best represent the agencies we serve.

### Will I receive a response if my application is unsuccessful?

We will endeavour to inform unsuccessful applicants as soon as possible after the selections have been made. If you do not receive a response from us, please get in touch.

### What if I have more questions?

Please email any questions to sgwn@gwn.govt.nz.

# Christchurch Summit grant application

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| Name: |  |
| Current Position: |  |
| Agency: |  |
| City: |  |

### Please complete the following questions:

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| 1. Please describe the ways in which you meet the criteria for this grant. *(max 250 words)*
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| 1. How do you think attending the Summit will help you in your role and/or advance your career? *(max 250 words)*
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| 1. How do you plan to bring the insights from the summit back into your day-to-day work? *(max 150 words)*
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| 1. How will you share what you’ve learned with others? This could include your team, an employee-led network, management group, on your agency’s intranet, etc. *(max 150 words)*
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### Manager's support and approval to proceed

By signing below I confirm I have discussed this opportunity with my manager and have their support and approval to attend the Summit.

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|  *Signed:* | *Date:* |

Submit your application to sgwn@gwn.govt.nz by COB 26 September, 2021.