



# The ALIA Professional Pathways project \_\_\_\_



### Vision

A diverse, valued and supported Library and Information Sector (LIS) workforce with the skills, knowledge and ethics needed to deliver quality library and information services that anticipate and meet the needs of the population.

# Background

As the national professional body for the library and information services sector, ALIA is committed to supporting our Members' professional journeys, and ensuring that their professionalism is recognised and valued.

Professional Pathways seeks to achieve this vision by:

- Revising and clarifying the LIS professional skills, knowledge and ethical practice framework.
- Introducing new entry points at different levels.
- Increasing pathways within the profession.
- Working with education providers to ensure strong education offerings.
- Supporting professionalism and lifelong learning.
- Promoting the value of LIS professionals.

## The Professional Pathways team

#### Professional Pathways Board

Comprising 16 representatives from across the library sector, the Board provides strategic oversight and leadership to ensure the successful development and implementation of Professional Pathways.



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Board



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#### Consultation group

More than 600 people have contributed throughout the project so far.

#### ALIA team

Trish Hepworth – ALIA Director of Policy and Education

Dr Phoebe Weston-Evans – Research Assistant

Dr Gillian Hallam (external consultant) – Technical Report and consultation

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Rebecca Simone – ALIA Marketing and Communications Manager

# Where are we now and where are we going?

The Professional Pathways project was announced in 2019. The following timeline lists the activity to date and future milestones.

Nov 2019	Nov 2019 to Feb 2020	Aug 2020	Aug to Nov 2020	Nov 2020
Future of LIS Education issues paper	Consultation on issues paper	Future of LIS Education discussion paper published	Consultation on discussion paper	Professional Pathways Consultation Draft released
Jul to Nov 2021	Jul 2021	May 2021	Feb 2021	Dec 2020 to Jan 2021
Research and evidence gathering for Technical Report	Professional Pathways Board established	Report on Consultations	Professional Pathways Summit	Town Hall meetings
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Nov to Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Feb to Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022
Feedback on Technical Report	Technical Report	Frameworks development focus groups	Pilot media literacy micro credential launch	School library research project
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	May to Dec 2022	May to Oct 2022	Jun 2022	May 2022

# Find out more

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