

PG Trust Guidelines for awarding grants

1. The applicant should be a working gardener: it should be clear that gardening is currently their job and main source of income or is shortly to become so.
2. Awards are not for full-time students, with the exception of those who have shown a long-term commitment to horticultural work of at least seven years and who are seeking a more in-depth qualification to advance their career in horticulture.
3. The applicant could not undertake the training without financial support.
4. The purpose is for the applicant to gain a qualification to enhance their career as a professional gardener. Equipment costs are not covered.
5. The applicant should have demonstrated a clear commitment to horticulture.
6. The training applied for should be appropriate to the current stage of the applicant's career.
7. The application includes an element of personal contribution from the applicant either in part-payment of fees, loss of work time, or travel costs
8. The training has been applied for and agreed subject to the applicant finding funding.
9. The application should be made at least six weeks before the training starts.
10. The applicant should be resident in the UK or Ireland and plan to work there. If exceptionally the training is not available in the UK or Ireland, it may be done abroad. Study tours abroad are not funded.
11. The qualification or skill to be gained should not be an essential requirement of the applicant's current job: in this case, the trustees would expect the employer to cover all the cost.
12. The applicant should have applied for assistance from their employer.