

LIS EDUCATION 2015

The ALIA LIS Education Handbook 2015–2016 is now in preparation. This comprehensive guide to ALIA-accredited qualifications and programs and professional development in library and information sciences is our 'go-to' directory for those wishing to enter the profession and seeking a suitable program, and for those looking to upgrade your qualifications and further your careers.

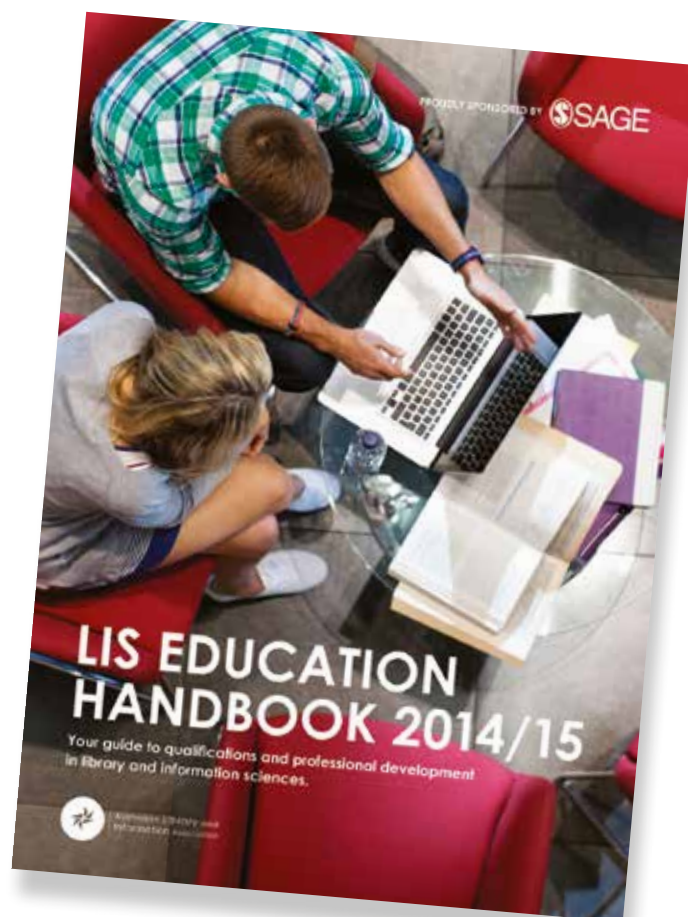
Education in our sector is dynamic and we have recently seen units and courses being made available at undergraduate and post-graduate levels reflecting the changing requirements and roles of our profession.

The ALIA accreditation process is rigorous, and is intended to ensure courses and librarian, information specialist and library technician level maintain their quality and relevance to current and emerging library and information practice. These assessments are underpinned by the Association's education policy statements (you can find out more online at www.alia.org.au). Accreditation is not applicable for Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs however, as these are not focused on the core competencies of the profession.

ALIA believes a commitment to lifelong learning is a cornerstone of our profession and supports Members in their education through the ALIA Professional Development Scheme, which now also acknowledges specialisation in areas such as health and public librarianship. You can find out more about this on the ALIA website or by contacting education@alia.org.au.

If you are a course provider and wish to advertise in the *Handbook* for 2015–2016, please contact Kate Petersen at HWR Media Communications on (08) 8379 9522 or kpetersen@hwrmedia.com.au.

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