

Department of Planning and Infrastructure Co-Op Scholarship in Engineering

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure Co-Op Scholarship in Engineering is designed to encourage student participation at Charles Darwin University (CDU) and in the Territory workforce.

The Scholarship is an initiative of the Charles Darwin University and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to address NT skills shortages and support the new Bachelor of Engineering Co-Op Program at CDU. Incorporating full-time tertiary education with Co-Op work placements during semester breaks and during the academic year, the Scholarship will ultimately attract greater numbers of high performing students to the region and encourage their ongoing participation in the Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS).

The value of the Scholarship is \$67,500 payable in 9 equal instalments over 4.5 years. Instalments of \$7,500 will be paid each semester, subject to satisfactory performance. In addition, the recipient will receive an Administrative Officer level 2 salary (base level) during work placement periods.

The salary will be paid on a fortnightly basis with the recipient employed on a temporary contract with the NTPS in accordance with the Northern Territory *Public Sector Employment and Management Act* and the Commissioner of Public Employment Employment's Determination Number 3 of 2006.

Eligibility

The successful recipient will:

- have applied and enrolled to study fulltime at Charles Darwin University in the Bachelor of Engineering Co-Op in 2010;
- be assessed on academic merit with a minimum TER of 85 for school leavers;
- remain enrolled to study fulltime on a continuing basis;
- undertake work placement with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for 6 weeks during vacation periods;
- be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident and whilst in receipt of the scholarship must reside in the Northern Territory; and
- not hold any other scholarship or award except with the permission of the Director, Student Services.

Selection will be made by CDU Engineering staff on the basis of academic merit (including, if appropriate, academic performance at CDU). School-leavers selecting CDU's Bachelor of Engineering Co-Op as their First Option, who have an entry rank of not less than 85, will be invited to receive the Scholarship, based on academic merit. If application is not made by the closing of the first SATAC admissions round, the scholarship will be offered to another suitably-qualified applicant based on academic merit. CDU Engineering staff may also propose students they deem to be of sufficient academic merit, but who fall outside of these parameters, to the DPI Contact Officer for consideration.