Foundation Membership

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION
The CDU Foundation is a committed, proactive group of CDU supporters. The Foundation aims to raise much needed funds for strategic programs, projects and infrastructure. Since its inception in 1993, the Foundation has raised more than $21 million, supplementing other sources of funding and enabling support for students and strategic projects that would not otherwise have been possible.

WHY GIVE?
At Charles Darwin University we have unique challenges that come with providing best practice teaching and learning in more than 170 locations throughout northern Australia, often in some of the harshest environments.

Since its creation in 1989 as the Northern Territory University, individual and business donors and supporters have provided crucial funds and in-kind goods and services that have enabled the University to respond positively to its challenges.

It is the shared vision and dedication of our donors that allow us to deliver the innovation, the creative vision, the margin of excellence that define the distinctive university that is Charles Darwin University. The University works with people from all walks of life, developing close ongoing relationships, and supporting many crucial projects that would not be realised without their involvement and philanthropy.

Foundation donations from individuals and organisations can support a number of initiatives, for example:
- Scholarships and prizes
- Teaching and research fellowships and Chairs
- Teaching and learning resources, including the Library
- The Charles Darwin University Art Collection and Art Gallery
- Current fundraising priorities, such as the development of the University's Indonesian Garden or redevelopment of the University's Theatre
- Major infrastructure and strategic projects such as the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education.

Contributions can be cash and in-kind and may be targeted to specific projects if requested.
FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP
Both individuals and organisations are invited to become members of the Charles Darwin University Foundation:
- Individual membership (single) - a gift to the value of $200 or more per year
- Individual membership (couple) - a gift to the value of $300 or more per year
- Organisations - a gift to the value of $800 or more per year.

TAXATION ADVANTAGES
Donations to Charles Darwin University Foundation are allowable deductions within the Australian Income Tax legislation.

DONOR RECOGNITION LEVELS
Donations are cumulative and donors are recognised as follows:

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONORS
The support provided by donors can be acknowledged in a variety of ways, such as:
- Naming rights to a nominated project, which is granted to significant donors
- Acknowledgement in appropriate University publications
- Invitations to major University functions, especially those in which donors may have a particular interest.

YOUR GIFT IN SAFE HANDS
The structure and governance of the Foundation guarantees the security of your donation and ensures funds are used in accordance with your wishes.

The Foundation is a company limited by guarantee. It is established under a Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association and does not have a share capital. The Foundation is trustee of the Charles Darwin University Foundation Trust. The Board of Directors comprises the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, three representatives appointed by the University Council, two elected representatives of corporate members and two elected representatives of individual members.

The Board assists with fundraising for the University in line with its strategic direction, engenders community support for the University and provides oversight of Foundation expenditure.

As a separate company, the Foundation holds its own bank account and funds held in Trust are invested at the instruction of the Board, in line with the agreed objectives of the Foundation and in line with University priorities. Administrative costs are fully funded by the University, which means that 100% of donated funds goes to where it is most needed.

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