Scholarships Guide 2017
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How we use knowledge for the future

Creativity
We value originality, artistic endeavour and freedom of expression. We believe in learning from indigenous and international cultures to create a new vision for the future.

Social Justice
We believe that everyone can contribute to making a positive impact, regardless of background – whether through groundbreaking research, becoming a leader in an indigenous community or supporting the rights of others.

Collective Effort
We care about addressing the real issues in our local community and across our region, through bringing together like-minded people with a desire to make their world a little better.

Sustainability
As leaders in research, we’re committed to preserving and protecting our environment, to ethical business practices and to using technology to build a more sustainable future.
CDU is in the top 2% of universities in the world, the top 10 universities in Australia and the Top 50 Universities worldwide under 50 years old. We are a young, vibrant, regional university recognised internationally for teaching and research. At CDU, your individual needs, expectations and aspirations are our top priority.

As a leader in flexible course delivery, we have full-time, part-time and online study options for most Higher Education courses, offering a quality learning experience that fits around your schedule so you can choose where and when to study.

Why choose Charles Darwin University?

We take our name from the renowned naturalist, geologist and father of modern evolutionary theory Charles Darwin. Based in the Northern Territory, Charles Darwin University places great emphasis on quality teaching and innovative research that will help to shape a better future and improve people’s lives.

Today, we have more than 24,000 Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training students across 11 campuses and centres in the Northern Territory, as well as in Melbourne, Sydney and online.

About us

We are a recognised leader in:

- Environmental studies – tropical and desert knowledges
- Indigenous education and studies
- Remote nursing
- South-East Asian studies
- Online learning

Our locations:

- Darwin – Casuarina
- Darwin – Waterfront
- Palmerston
- Alice Springs
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Scholarships at CDU

CDU is committed to providing opportunities to students through our scholarship program, which is enriched by the generosity of our many supporters across the wider CDU community, including government, local business, organisations and individuals.

Types of scholarships

CDU offers a vast range of scholarships with different purposes and selection criteria. Some are for students who show talent, passion and initiative in their chosen area of study. Others are regional scholarships awarding students who show commitment and vision in their local community. There are scholarships for sports involvement, scholarships offering work placement and scholarships to help students who struggle with the financial or practical elements of study. Our scholarships are also for students who might otherwise be excluded from the opportunity to study at CDU due to socioeconomic, cultural, geographic and other disadvantages.

Who can apply?

Anyone who is or will be studying at CDU.

Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

Yes. Apply for as many scholarships where you meet the eligibility requirements.

How many scholarships can I hold at one time?

You can hold up to two active scholarships at one time. If you are offered more than two, you will be asked to choose which two you wish to keep.

Donald Sanger

Being awarded the Vocus Communications Scholarship means I have no stress on my financials and am able to focus on my studies. The application process is simple and easy if you put your heart and soul into it. Tell the truth and express how passionate you are about the field you wish to study and work in. My aim is to become a Computer Systems Engineer in a globally renowned IT company creating the hardware that drives the computers of today. Receiving this scholarship is helping me to achieve my goals.
Scholarship categories

CDU offers scholarships in the following categories:

- High achieving school leavers
- Indigenous Australians
- Location specific
- Female
- Higher Education courses
- VET courses.

Scholarships within these categories can also be for a specific area of study like engineering or education, so be sure to check out all of the eligibility criteria.

Where can I find the scholarships currently available?

Find out what scholarships are available by visiting cdu.edu.au/scholarships or call the Scholarships Officer on (08) 8946 6442. Search through the scholarship categories on the website that apply to you. Read the terms and conditions of each scholarship to determine if you are eligible to apply.

What do scholarships provide?

Scholarships vary greatly in what they provide. Some are one-off payments to help you with the costs of setting up for study. Other scholarships provide up to $7,500 a semester throughout your course. Most of our scholarships range between $2,000 and $10,000 and are paid directly into your bank account, so you can use the funds in whatever way you feel will best help your studies. A number of our scholarships also offer work placements, providing invaluable work experience in your chosen field. Scholarships also make a great addition to your résumé.

What do I need to show to get a scholarship?

Most scholarships require you to show both passion and commitment towards your study as well as a reason why you should receive it. This might be a financial need, or that you have undertaken volunteer work or that you come from a disadvantaged background. You may demonstrate that you want to be a leader in your community or are committed to helping others. Show us why you stand out from the crowd! Remember, this doesn’t mean you have to be top of the class.

Amanda Lilleyman

I am in my final year of completing my PhD on migratory shorebird ecology in Darwin Harbour. Student life can be hard due to the financial burden, and the workload can be stressful to balance. Receiving the NT Field Naturalists’ Club Postgraduate Scholarship has taken a huge stress off me during my final year as I write up my PhD thesis.
How to apply

Go to the CDU Scholarship website cdu.edu.au/scholarships and click on the ‘How to Apply’ tab. Here you will find instructions on how to complete an application.

You will be asked to fill in an online application form, which has a text box for your written statement and a facility to upload one supporting document with a maximum size of 2MB. It is a good idea to use the supporting document space to upload grades from other education institutions or certificates of achievements that will enhance your application. Adding a supporting document is not compulsory.

You are not required to send any ‘proof of residence’ or financial information. Please do not upload any identifying documents such as statements or ID documents. Your supporting statement cannot be submitted as an attachment, it needs to be written in the text box of your online application form.

Check the closing date of your application carefully as late applications will not be accepted. Submitting your application early will give the scholarships office the chance to let you know if there is anything else they require in your application before the closing date.

Amelia Jape

I have always been passionate about accounting and I feel honoured to have received the Department of Treasury and Finance Work Integrated Learning Scholarship. This scholarship means I am able to focus on my studies and releases the pressure of balancing work, high study loads and home life as well as gain knowledge and practical experience from working in a professional workplace. I would recommend other students apply for this scholarship, the application process was straightforward and as well as supporting you financially it also provides an invaluable work placement opportunity.
Recent grades

Past and present CDU students: You will have your grades and academic transcript added to your application by CDU.

New CDU students: If you have studied in the past, we recommend that you provide a copy of your most recent grades as an attachment to your application. You can provide grades from high school, previous university study and/or TAFE/VET courses. If you do not have any grades to provide, you may wish to add certificates or any other achievements.

Other information

Some scholarships require other information. For example, the Carbine Club Sports Scholarship requires your involvement in club or state-level sports, therefore a letter from your coach will support your application. The ConocoPhillips SPIRIT Scholarship requires you to address their ‘SPIRIT values’ as well as provide a written statement.

To find out what other information might be required, read the terms and conditions of each scholarship on the CDU website. If you are unsure about your eligibility for a certain scholarship, contact the Scholarships Officer on (08) 8946 6442 for clarification.

Your written statement

Aim to write a maximum of 1000 words for your written statement. Remember, the panel may have a lot of applications to read, so keep it as concise as possible. When writing your statement, you need to think about the following points:

→ What does the panel require?
→ What is the panel looking for in a recipient?
→ Who is giving the scholarship and what is their background/purpose?
→ Tell the panel about yourself (as long as you keep it relevant).
→ Give them something extra.

Daniel Murdoch

CDU was my university of choice as it offers internal and external modes of study which fits in with my travel and other future plans. I was successful in receiving the Newmont Tanami Indigenous Scholarship. This will assist with my study and textbook costs but most of all it will give me genuine experience working on a mine site. I would definitely recommend applying for the scholarship as it provides financial support and industry experience which will be essential for future career opportunities.
What does the panel require?

Look again at the selection criteria on the information sheet available on the CDU Scholarships website. Are there any points they have asked you to cover specifically? If it says ‘Demonstrate passion, ability and initiative’ then you will need to do just that. These are helpful things to include in any application but if they are asked for specifically, make sure they are there. Check for other specific information and include it in your statement, as well as providing supporting documents.

There are no rules on how to set out your statement but it is recommended to use the selection criteria as headings and answer these directly underneath. This method makes it easy for the panel to identify that you have addressed the criteria.

You may also like to write a less formal section with further information about yourself at the end of the application.

What is the panel looking for in a recipient?

This requires some reading between the lines. For example, the Chief Minister’s Scholarship for Women requires applicants to ‘demonstrate a commitment to the Northern Territory and intention to use her qualifications and skills in the Territory’. You need to state that you intend to use your qualifications in the NT, but also you should understand they are looking for someone who will get involved in and give back to the community. A great way to demonstrate your ties to the NT would be to mention your participation in any community groups, sporting teams or even social clubs you are part of.

Who is giving the scholarship and what is their background/ purpose?

Do some online research. Find out a little bit of information about the donor of the scholarship. Tying this information into your statement shows you have done your homework. If you can relate this to yourself and your goals, then even better.

Kirstie Scullen

I have a love and passion for visual arts which is why I have chosen to complete a Bachelor of Creative Arts and Industries (Visual Arts). I am grateful and honoured to be the recipient of the Edgar Dunis Arts Scholarship for 2016. This scholarship has relieved the stress of balancing study, work and volunteer community work. Additionally, it has given me the confidence and determination to do better in my studies.
Tell the panel about yourself – but keep it relevant

The panel that assesses each scholarship wants to get to know you. They want to have an idea of who the recipient is, not just their ability to address selection criteria. If you can include personal information and keep it relevant, then do so.

For example, a person who grew up in difficult circumstances might tie that in to why they want to study social work, or a person who grew up with a family involved in motor sports might tie that into why they want to study mechanical engineering.

Include personal information in your application as long as it relates to the category of scholarship you are applying for.

Give them something extra

Finally, think about your competition, particularly for a scholarship which is aimed at a specific course. Consider that the other applicants will be reading this too. What sets you apart from them? Why do you deserve or need it more? No examples here; you will have to think about this and demonstrate how you can stand out from the crowd!

Important dates

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Thank you
CDU sincerely thanks our generous scholarship donors. Not only do scholarships recognise talent, passion and initiative, but they also make academic dreams come true for those who, but for a scholarship, would not have been able to study. On behalf of the students who have benefitted from their generosity, we owe our donors a deep debt of gratitude for their kind support.

Contact us
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W: cdu.edu.au/scholarships
T: (08) 8946 6442
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Dimitris Menouhos
Throughout my school years I was intrigued and fascinated by all the forms of science and medicine, however, I could not choose one or the other, so I began to search for a degree that could offer the best of both worlds, thus I stumbled across the CDU Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science, which comprised of the diversity I was in search for.

Being awarded the Western Diagnostic Medical Laboratory Science Scholarship will provide me with the necessary tools to improve upon my current medical laboratory skillset. Furthermore, I look forward to the opportunities this scholarship will provide that will broaden my horizon and enable me to further develop both as a scientist and as an individual.