



International Profile

2022–2023

We acknowledge Australian First Nations peoples' long tradition of sustaining their communities and environments over thousands of years. They are the first educators and first innovators.

They are the holders of knowledge that makes an important contribution to the improvement of our local, national and global communities.

We extend our respect to Elders – past, present and emerging – and to all First Nations people.





FOREWORD

from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Scott Bowman AO

Charles Darwin University (CDU) is a unique institution guided by our values of courage, kindness, openness, innovation and leadership.

We have fantastic opportunities ahead to secure a future that will lead us to be Australia's most connected university through making courageous decisions and delivering training, education and research that matters to the people of the Northern Territory (NT), Australia and beyond.

We can only be successful through our connections with all of our partners – whether they be our students, our alumni, our communities, businesses, industry, First Nations peoples, government and donors – working together to harness our collective knowledge and expertise. Together we develop innovative solutions to ensure a great future for all of the communities we serve.

We have developed our International Profile to showcase our expertise, skills and knowledge. We are a dual-sector university committed to our core business of vocational skills and training, higher education teaching and learning, research and engagement.

We are student-centred, research intensive, industry relevant and deeply connected to our communities and our partners.

We know that positive change comes when we connect with partners with diverse backgrounds, experiences and mindsets.

Join us on our journey to becoming the most connected university in Australia.



OUR RANKINGS



#1 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY

FOR POSTGRADUATE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES.*



#2 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY

FOR UNDERGRADUATE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES.*



#3 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY

FOR EMPLOYER SATISFACTION.**



30 YEARS' EXPERIENCE
IN DISTANCE AND ONLINE EDUCATION.



IN THE TOP 100 UNIVERSITIES GLOBALLY
FOR QUALITY EDUCATION.***



82% OF CDU'S RESEARCH
IS RATED AT WORLD STANDARD AND ABOVE.****



IN THE TOP 200 UNIVERSITIES GLOBALLY
FOR RESEARCH AND IMPACT TOWARDS ALL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.****

* The Good Universities Guide 2022

** QILT's Employer Satisfaction Survey 2021

*** Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2021

**** Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2022

***** ERA Research Excellence Rankings Analysis 2018



OUR PLACE

With our home and our heart in the Northern Territory (NT) of Australia, we embrace the inclusive, resilient and courageous spirit of the NT in our campuses and delivery sites that span a diverse footprint from the capital cities of Darwin, Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney; to the regional hubs of Alice Springs, Palmerston and Katherine; our remote locations in Jabiru, Tennant Creek and Yulara; and on Country - in community, with the community.

No other Australian university serves such a large area of the continent, in such remote locations and with such a small population to sustain it. We are Australia's first dual-sector university and the only university based in the NT.

Our multi-campus, dual-sector status, virtual and online expertise, course profile, research activities, delivery methods, and operations are a consequence of our commitment to the regions in which we operate. The NT spans approximately one-sixth of Australia's landmass and yet is home to just one per cent of the population, of whom 30% are First Nations peoples.

We are a deeply connected university, working in partnership and collaboration with First Nations peoples, our communities and industries, government and alumni to address the needs of the NT and regional, rural and remote people nationally and globally.

We are proud of our history and our place in the world and look forward to a bright future.

Leading the way in First Nations education

Our goal is to be the most recognised university for Australian First Nations training, education and research. We believe in recognising, embedding and celebrating the transformative leadership of First Nations people at CDU. We will work together to achieve the aspirations for the future prosperity of Australia's First Nations peoples for the betterment of all Australians.



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OUR COURSES

A dual-sector university

As Australia's first dual-sector University, CDU provides both Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Higher Education courses (HE). We believe that every learner should be provided with alternative pathways to access education and acquire globally applicable skills and experience.

VET study areas

- Accounts and Bookkeeping
- Computer System Technology
- Conservation and Land Management
- Culinary Arts and Baking
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Services
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Workplace Health and Safety

HE study areas

- Accounting
- Arts
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Exercise and Sport Science
- Health
- Humanitarian, Emergency and Disaster Management
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Indigenous Knowledges
- IT, Cyber Security and Network Engineering
- Law and Legal Studies
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Science, Environmental Science and Management
- Social Work



More than **22,000** students are studying Certificate I to PhD programs in eight locations across Australia.







NEW DEVELOPMENTS

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

In 2022, CDU established a new School of Medicine in the NT in partnership with the Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies). Medical Director of the National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC), Professor Dianne Stephens, joined CDU to develop high-quality postgraduate programs for health professionals working at the frontline of health emergencies.

The postgraduate programs strengthen the emergency response capabilities and workforce in the NT and internationally.

"These courses are unique within Northern Australia and will draw on the experience, knowledge, and expertise of the NCCTRC as a global leader in health emergency response," Professor Stephens said.

ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS

A new Academy of the Arts is set to be established at CDU by 2024 to enliven the NT's creative scene and nurture local artists. Based at the CDU Casuarina Campus, the Academy of the Arts will deliver contemporary visual arts education and courses, with studio spaces for artists and students and a Creative Futures Research Centre to produce world-leading research in the creative arts arena.

HEALTH HUB

The University has partnered with iMove Australia and the Northern Territory Government (NTG) to use drones to deliver health care to remote communities across the NT. The drones will expedite the delivery of time-critical medical items into hard to reach and seasonally inaccessible remote communities, helping save lives and reducing delivery costs.

CYBER SECURITY AND INNOVATION CENTRE FOR THE TERRITORY

The University has established a new Northern Territory Academic Centre for Cyber Security and Innovation (NTACCSI), the first of its kind in the Territory. The NTACCSI is the latest weapon in Australia's defence against cyber attacks and cybercrime and is a key part of the NTG's 'Digital Territory' initiative to support the NT to become a leader in digital innovation.



Research EXCELLENCE

Our commitment to the perpetual evolution of knowledge lies at our heart through world-class, innovative and valuable research studies.

We attract global recognition for research excellence in areas including tropical and desert knowledges, Indigenous knowledges, human health and wellbeing, tropical health, social and public policy, environment and livelihoods, and engineering and resources.

Located primarily in the far north of Australia, research is central to the purpose of the University. It is closely tied to the needs of the NT and our immediate region, including Timor-Leste, Eastern Indonesia and the Arafura Sea.

CDU's recognition as a research-intensive university contributed to the University being awarded more than \$63 million in research funding in 2021 (an increase of 45% from 2020).

EXPERT RESEARCHERS

In 2021, 22 researchers from CDU and Menzies School of Health Research were recognised as leaders, featuring in the Public Library of Science Biology's recently updated list of top 2% world scientists in their fields according to the citation impact.

In addition, CDU's research papers published in high quality journals increased by more than 30% from 2020 to 2021.

CDU currently has 90 international Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidates from a wide range of countries, including Canada, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Malaysia, Spain and Vietnam.

"All of the lecturers at CDU have published and earned international acclaim. Their research is also conducted in several areas in Indonesia. Therefore, I am confident that this study program will lead me to a better future."

– Mohammad Ridwan (Indonesia), PhD

INDIGENOUS RESEARCH

CDU is dedicated to promoting Indigenous knowledges and perspectives in all aspects of the University. This is achieved by participating in ethical research, providing expert analysis of research projects to develop sustainable livelihoods, and preserving knowledge.

NORTHERN AUSTRALIA UNIVERSITIES ALLIANCE

Northern Australia is set to benefit from the combined academic and research powers of its three major universities, with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the Northern Australia Universities Alliance. Under the Memorandum, Charles Darwin University, Central Queensland University and James Cook University will partner on projects that support the social, environmental and economic development of Northern Australia.

MENZIES SCHOOL OF HEALTH RESEARCH (MENZIES)

The University collaborates closely with the world-leading Menzies School of Health Research. Menzies' work addresses critical issues such as mental health, nutrition, substance abuse, child health and development, and chronic diseases such as cancer, kidney disease, and heart disease. Menzies are also research leaders in life-threatening illnesses in the Asia-Pacific, such as malaria, melioidosis and tuberculosis.



The first Australian university to welcome international students back to Australia following the international border closure.

New education

COMMUNITY PRECINCT





The University holds a unique position as the NT's only local university and the closest Australian university to South-East Asia. Our research, knowledge and education strengths are vital exports underpinning the NT's growth.

The Australian Government, the NTG, and CDU are building an iconic education and civic precinct in the heart of Darwin to help attract more international students to the city and improve access to tertiary education for Australians.

Our goal is to create more open and engaged university campuses and communities across Darwin, foster knowledge exchange, and encourage partnerships with governments, businesses, the community and First Nations people.

The University's new iconic city campus will have state-of-the-art infrastructure to enhance teaching quality and the student learning experience.

The close proximity of students to the working realities of their chosen industries in the city will strengthen ties between government, the private sector and their future workforce.

A vibrant city centre campus with residential facilities will enhance both the domestic and international student experience in Darwin and is expected to be a drawcard for the growing number of students wishing to study in Australia. In addition, it will increase opportunities for students to live, work and study in the city.

By 2028, it is estimated that more people will be living and working in Darwin's city centre than ever before:

11,700 students

600 university staff

Up to 1000 students living in the new student accommodation

The new campus is set to open Semester 1, 2024.



CDU SYDNEY

The CDU Sydney Campus has been revitalised with expanded course offerings to cater for more international students who want to experience living and working in Australia's biggest city. The campus specialises in information technology, nursing and midwifery courses for international students, offering programs at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The University's Sydney campus is right in the heart of the central business district in Haymarket, directly opposite the Sydney Central train station. This location allows students to be part of the day-to-day business world while studying in a major capital city. By studying in Sydney, students have contact with a diverse student body to enrich their learning environment. In addition, they are taught by leading scholars with experience across Australia, Asia-Pacific and beyond, in small class sizes for an enhanced learning experience.

"CDU already has a strong presence in Sydney, and this is to ensure we continue to have a strong brand by showcasing the Territory's uniqueness nationally outside of the Territory."

– CDU Vice-Chancellor Professor Scott Bowman





Our reason; **OUR STUDENTS**



Ben Poveda from Colombia **Bachelor of Accounting**

After arriving in Darwin from Colombia and completing his English language studies, Ben completed a Bachelor of Accounting at CDU.

He was elected in 2018 as the National Secretary of the Council of International Students Australia (CISA), the national peak student body that represents and advocates for over 700,000 international students in Australia. In 2019, he was elected President of the Students' Association and a Student Representative on the CDU Council.

Relishing his calling as a volunteer, Ben also became the Student Representative in the NT International Education and Training Industry Group and a Study NT and CDU Student Ambassador.

Ben currently works as a Policy Officer for the NT Government. In this role, Ben develops, implements, and evaluates youth projects. He is a conduit between young people, the youth sector and the NT Government by developing linkages with young people and youth service providers.



Sulav Shrestha from Nepal Master of Information Technology

Sulav was the recipient of a CDU Global Achiever Award Scholarship. While studying for his Master of Information Technology, he was awarded the Australian Financial Review Top 100 Future Leaders in Australia by GradConnection.

Sulav was very involved in the CDU community and was the President of the Information Technology Student Association.

Upon graduating, Sulav works as a Business Analyst for AI Darwin. He is an accomplished business intelligence specialist, working with complex data models and reporting tools. In addition, he is a keen enthusiast and avid learner thriving in environments that constantly embrace new technologies. Sulav is skilled in Business Objects, Microsoft Business Intelligence and is a certified Power BI Data Analyst and a Microsoft Certified trainer.



"I chose to study with CDU because the university's mission to create a positive influence on society, economic systems and individuals through research and education resonated strongly with me."

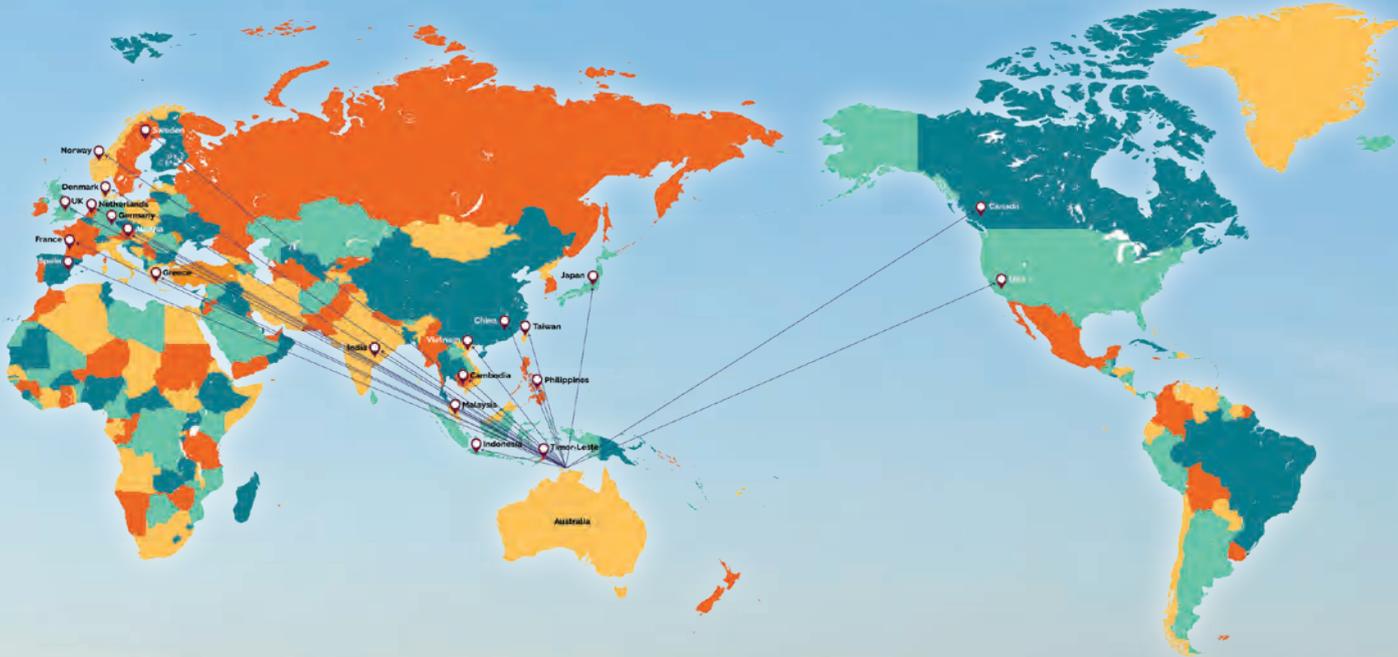
We are a truly **GLOBAL UNIVERSITY**

We are uniquely placed both geographically and in terms of expertise to deliver a range of education, training and research services. We build lasting, beneficial partnerships that enable neighbouring international communities to prosper.

We partner with close to 100 renowned organisations and institutions worldwide. Our partnerships extend to VET and HE providers, foreign governments, research institutes, international schools and alumni along with student exchange partners.

Researchers at CDU collaborate through partnerships and alliances with other universities and research agencies nationally and internationally in countries such as Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Norway, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Timor-Leste, United Kingdom, United States and Vietnam.

CDU's partner locations



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