INPEX Scholarship Foundation
CDU Exchange Program Scholarship (ISFEPS)

Terms and Conditions, and Ongoing Eligibility Requirements

1. Overview

1.1. The ISFEPS is a distinguished scholarship program, funded by INPEX Scholarship Foundation (ISF), offering three outstanding Australian undergraduate students at Charles Darwin University (CDU) the chance to embark on a one-semester exchange program at one of the following of CDU's esteemed partner institutions in Japan:

- Nagoya University of Foreign Studies.
- Kyoto University.
- Kanazawa University.
- Doshisha University.

1.2. The ISFEPS commenced in the second semester of 2025.

2. Scholarship Value

2.1. Each ISFEPS recipient will be awarded the sum of approximately AUD $10,000.00 by ISF which will be applied towards payment of the following expenses:

- One return economy class airfare ticket between Darwin or Alice Springs and Tokyo.
- Public transportation between Tokyo and the city in which the student will be completing their exchange program.
- Compulsory overseas insurance for the student for the duration of the exchange program.
- Japanese language lessons to be undertaken in Australia prior to the student's departure.
- A monthly allowance of 100,000 Japanese Yen (approximately AUD $1,000.00) for general living expenses.

3. Eligibility Criteria

3.1. To be eligible for the ISFEPS, applicants must:

- Be an Australian citizen.
- Be a current resident of the Northern Territory of Australia.
- Be currently enrolled in full-time undergraduate study at CDU.
- Have completed at least 80 credit points of their course at CDU before applying.
- Have an average cumulative GPA of more than 5.0.
- Ensure the exchange program to be undertaken contributes to Australian course
- requirements, with cred it mapping completed by the relevant faculty.
- Have at least 10 credit points remaining to complete on their return to CDU after completion
- of their exchange program.

- Receive successful admission into one of the partner institutions specified in clause 1.1 above.

4. Application Requirements

4.1. Applicants must submit the following documentation and information with their application:

- A curriculum vitae
- A short essay detailing: the applicant's interest in Japan, what the applicant hopes to achieve with the exchange program and any other opportunities provided by ISF and details of how the applicant intends to use their degree and experience to benefit the relationship between Australia and Japan.

4.2 Successful applicants must be willing to:

- Participate in ISF events in Japan as the opportunities arise.
- Provide a presentation or report to ISF covering the learning experiences of the exchange program.
- Undertake a Japanese language refresher course prior to departure from Australia.

5. Selection process

A scholarship committee made up of three members including: One CDU Community Connections staff member, one CDU Global staff member and an ISF representative will be responsible for reviewing applications and nominating and interviewing suitable ISFEPS candidates.

The selection process will proceed as follows:

5.1 Stage 1 (shortlisting)

- After the ISFEPS application closing date, eligible applications will be emailed to each scholarship committee member by CDU Global.
- Scholarship committee members will individually rank applications based on adherence to
- the Eligibility Criteria and Application Requirements set out above.
- Scholarship committee members will then submit their ranked applications to CDU Global.
- CDU Global will collate all scholarship committee members rankings to form a shortlist for Stage 2.

5.2 Stage 2 (interview and selection)

- The scholarship committee will organise and conduct interviews based on the shortlist collated by CDU Global.
- After interviews are conducted, the scholarship committee will vote to determine their approved applicants. Decisions of the scholarship committee will be determined by majority vote.
- The scholarship committee will then advise ISF of their approved applicants.
  ISF will review the approved applications at a board meeting and make the final

determination in relation to the acceptance or non-acceptance of each application.

- ISF will advise CDU of their decision by the end March 2026 and once applications have been approved by ISF, CDU and ISF will jointly notify the successful ISFEPS recipients.

6. Japanese Language refresher course

As part of the ISFEPS, it is preferred that all recipients have a basic understanding of the Japanese language. This will ensure smoother integration into the partner institution and community in Japan and enhance the overall study abroad experience. To facilitate this, ISFEPS recipients are encouraged to undertake a Japanese language refresher course before departing for Japan. This aims to strengthen the students' language skills, reinforce previously learned concepts, and improve their ability to communicate effectively in Japanese. By completing this course, recipients will be better prepared to navigate everyday situations, engage with Japanese culture, and participate in academic activities at their partner institution. CDU Global can advise scholarship recipients on a suitable Japanese refresher course.

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