Transforming lives.
Unlocking potential.

Charles Darwin University
25th Anniversary Foundation Appeal
It was sheer determination that brought tertiary education to the Northern Territory.
Charles Darwin University’s purpose is to improve people’s lives through education, research and leadership. We offer life-changing opportunities to all Australians and, in particular, to the people in our tropical and desert communities. With your support we can continue to unlock the potential of individuals and communities.

Born of a need to service a small and widely spread population, it took years of effort to establish a university in Darwin that would give Territorians the same access to education as other Australians. It finally happened, in 1989, with the foundation of the Northern Territory University, which became Charles Darwin University in 2003.

Some 25 years later, Charles Darwin University (CDU) is now the second-fastest growing university in Australia and is internationally recognised for its teaching and research expertise.

We have grown, and a determined spirit and sense of community remains. We are still the only university based in the Northern Territory, bound to the communities we serve while cultivating a national strength and international profile.
Our 25th anniversary has been a time to celebrate our history and to think about our future. What will CDU look like in 25 years’ time?

- Ranked among the world’s top 100 universities less than 50 years old.  
  *Times Higher Education 2014–2015*

- Ranked in the top 350 universities in the world and the top 20 in Oceania.  
  *Times Higher Education 2014–2015*

- Ranked 4th in Australia for research in environmental science and ecology.  
  *Excellence in Research Australia*
The CDU 25th Anniversary Appeal sets the bedrock for our future.

Our goal is to raise $5 million over three years, in the biggest appeal we’ve undertaken. We have always relied on our community to help fund some of our special projects. Now, more than ever, we need your support.

Our priorities
1. Scholarships, awards and prizes.
2. Solving problems through research.
3. Providing community leadership.
Scholarships, awards and prizes.

At CDU we believe that education is for everyone. It is part of our mandate to make education accessible.

This means providing scholarships, prizes, bursaries and awards to students so they can achieve their potential regardless of their backgrounds or financial circumstances.

In 2014, CDU awarded more than $900,000 in scholarships and prizes. In 2015, we will offer over 50 different scholarships through the generosity of individuals, businesses, government, community groups and CDU itself.

Your contributions to our 25th Anniversary Appeal will help fund CDU Foundation scholarships that reward excellence, support potential and enable success, as well as prizes and awards for academic excellence, leadership and citizenship.

These scholarships not only acknowledge commitment and talent, they also inspire others to achieve, at every level, from VET Certificate I to PhD.
'With the McNeice scholarship I got more than money. I got a vote of confidence. Someone wanted me to succeed. It inspires you to try even harder when someone puts their faith in you.'


Realising the potential of one person brings rewards to many.
Solving problems through research.

Research is CDU’s engine room.

Through our institutes and centres, in collaboration with national and international institutions, government and industry, our researchers work to solve problems, advance knowledge and pursue innovation that makes people’s lives better.

During the past 25 years we have built up world-renowned expertise in remote and rural health, tropical and desert knowledge, ecology and environmental science. As our region develops our leadership in these areas will become increasingly important.

Through giving to the Anniversary Appeal, you will help the work of our world-renowned institutes to continue.

**CDU Research Institutes**

- Menzies School of Health Research
- The Research Institute for the Environment and Livelihoods
- Northern Institute

**CDU Research Centres**

- The Research Centre for Health and Wellbeing
- North Australian Centre for Oil and Gas
- Centre for Renewable Energy (in partnership with the NT Government)
- Centre for School Leadership (in partnership with the NT Government)
- Centre for Hydrocarbon Research, Education and Training (in partnership with the NT Government)
- Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education (in partnership with the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education)
‘Being a regional university, the support of the community is crucial in building a better research base. A generous $70,000 gift from a former student of mine has allowed me to travel and network much more effectively. It also means I can focus on my core conservation research into solving problems around fire and biodiversity and has directly improved my productivity.’

Professor Mike Lawes, Savanna Wildlife Research and Conservation Management, Research Institute for the Environment and Livelihoods
**Impetigo treatment**

A ground-breaking oral treatment for endemic skin sores developed by CDU and Menzies provides effective, pain-free treatment for millions of people worldwide.

**Aquaculture**

Biochemical research and practical aquaculture training at CDU is building on traditional Indigenous harvesting of trepang, clams and oysters.

**East Timor**

CDU contributes to capacity building in East Timor, through training Ministry of Finance scholarship students and supervising PhD research students from the University of Timor-Leste.

**Health service delivery**

The mapping and collection of data in Eastern Indonesia by CDU researchers has improved healthcare reach, particularly in maternal and neo-natal care.

**Bio-control**

Research into Australian weaver ants at CDU has harnessed their behaviour for biological pest control in mango and cashew orchards.

**Industry research**

At CDU’s North Australian Centre for Oil and Gas research into microbial influences on corrosion in tropical conditions is addressing a major issue in the oil and gas industry.

**Indigenous heritage and culture**

CDU’s renowned language specialists are creating a web-based archive of Aboriginal stories that will preserve endangered languages for future generations.
We connect with our communities through public lecture programs, research, partnerships and exchanges.

CDU has a long-standing commitment to working with and contributing to our community. We have a leading role in the rich cultural life of the Northern Territory.

’I hoped to understand how people form and maintain connections with place.’

Jennifer Taylor
winner of the inaugural Nan Giese scholarship for PhD students in the visual or performing arts.
Performing arts

CDU supports students, soloists, ensembles, orchestras, troupes and theatre companies and plays a leading role in the development of local musicians and performers. We provide venues for practise and performance, and homes for the Darwin Symphony Orchestra and the Centre for Youth and Community Music.

The Nan Geise Gallery

A vibrant space for emerging Territory artists, this gallery celebrates homegrown talents working across all mediums.

The Chinese and Indonesian Gardens

At Casuarina campus dedicated spaces honour our community’s Asian heritage and contemporary connections. Both the Chinese and Indonesian Gardens are popular botanical gardens established and maintained by the CDU Foundation.

The CDU Art Gallery and Collection

With a dedicated gallery space on Casuarina campus, the CDU Art Collection holds one of the world’s largest collections of Indigenous Limited Edition prints.

Northern Editions Print Studio and Gallery

Operating since 1993, Northern Editions’ technicians are renowned for their skill and the studio is a linchpin in the strong printmaking tradition at CDU.
Indigenous education.

Over 4000 Indigenous students study at CDU campuses and centres. Their individual educational achievements have manifold benefits for their communities, improving education, health, housing and honouring their unique heritage.

The CDU Anniversary Appeal will ensure this continues. Through scholarships and prizes, we will continue to recognise Indigenous students and ensure that culturally appropriate support services evolve in line with our student base.

‘Studying full time can be demanding and when the practicums kick in, it limits the hours I can work. This scholarship will ease the financial burden during this time.’

Kiah Fereday
Bachelor of Teaching and Learning, Early Childhood.
The Greek language and culture program.

The CDU Greek Guardians promotes awareness and understanding of the 5000 years of Greek language and culture. Founded 10 years ago, it supports the development of Australia’s premier in-country Greek language and culture program, the delivery of Greek language and culture lectures, and provides postgraduate research opportunities.
Giving.

‘We are delighted to support the Greek language and culture program at CDU. We believe that supporting such a program will enable students to learn and maintain the Greek language and culture which is prominent in our community.

Our support is also given to the Law School, by rewarding a law student who shows dedication to their studies.

We encourage anyone thinking about making a charitable donation to consider CDU as an effective way of making a positive impact in our community.’

Tsoukalis Lawyers
Darwin
How to give.

The easiest and most effective way of giving to the Anniversary Appeal is online. You can set up one-time donations or a recurring pledge. All donations over $2 are tax deductible and donations can be quarantined according to donors’ wishes. W: cdu.edu.au/support-cdu

Other ways to give.

If you would like to make a major contribution to the University, or would like to give in the future, there are other gifting options, such as: leaving a gift or bequest in your will; transfer of property, including real estate, shares or intellectual property; partnerships, volunteering, mentoring, guest lecturing and offering work place opportunities to students.

Contact the Office of External Relations if you would like to discuss further. T: (08) 8946 7770

Thanking our donors.

The University honours donors commensurate with the generosity of their support. Donors receive invitations to annual Foundation events, and CDU and civic occasions; citations in the CDU Roll of Honour and publications; and naming honours including student scholarships and prizes, professorial chairs, buildings and venues.
About the CDU Foundation.

The University Foundation has supported CDU for 21 years. It connects CDU and the wider community and generates the extra funds needed above and beyond government funding for the development of a variety of programs, projects and infrastructure.

The Foundation is a trustee of the Charles Darwin University Foundation Trust and is a company with a board of directors limited by guarantee, established under a Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association.

Foundation membership.

The CDU Foundation welcomes new individual and corporate members. Membership is offered to donors who make an annual gift of $200 as individuals or $800 as corporations. As a Foundation member you will join an ever-growing community of people, organisations, corporations and community groups who value education and training and wish to see it prosper in the Northern Territory.
If you wish to discuss becoming a supporter of the University, or wish to make a significant contribution to the University whether through a bequest, transfer of property, a volunteer role, or a major donation, please call the Manager, External Relations on (08) 8946 7770.

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