

ABORIGINAL TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who is eligible for the scholarship?

The scholarship recipient must:

- Remain a resident of the Northern Territory for the period of the scholarship
- Intend to undertake, or currently be undertaking, part-time or full-time undergraduate or postgraduate studies which will qualify the student to be registered as a teacher

Applicants must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
2. Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
3. Accepted Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander within their community

The proof required to satisfy this is:

1. Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent letter or
2. Statutory Declaration available via <https://nt.gov.au/law/processes/statutory-declarations> confirming his or her heritage.

2. What document will I need to sign if successful?

Every scholarship recipient will receive a Deed of Agreement which must be signed for their application to be finalised and a scholarship to be awarded.

3. How much financial assistance will I get to do my scholarship?

- You will receive \$1875 per each 10 credit points successfully completed
- Each unit at university is usually equal to 10 credit points
- Up to \$15 000 can be received every year, to complete an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification

Credit Points	Amount received
10	\$1875
20	\$3750
30	\$5625
40	\$7500

4. When will I receive my payments from the Department of Education?

The amount due will be paid at the end of each semester via electronic transfer to a nominated bank account, after the scholarship recipient provides their academic results to the Program Manager after they are released. **NO PAYMENTS** will be made until the academic results are received and assessed as satisfactory. Total maximum payment amount per semester is \$7500.

5. Will I have to buy my own stationery and books?

Yes, you will have to purchase all the required books, equipment and any stationery that you will need for your study. When you commence your scholarship you are provided \$1000 to assist with 'start-up' expenses. This initial payment will be deducted from the total payment you will be eligible for in your first semester

6. Do I need to let Centrelink know that I am going to commence study?

Yes, you need to contact Centrelink to advise of your current circumstances and also check your eligibility for Abstudy, Child Care Subsidy or any other income support entitlements that you may be able to apply for prior to commencing the scholarship. The Department of Education recommends that scholarship applicants seek independent personal, academic and financial advice before accepting a scholarship offer.

7. Can I undertake multiple scholarships/traineeships at the same time?

The scholarship recipient must notify the Program Manager of any other scholarship, bursary, traineeship or other benefit which the scholarship recipient receives from the Commonwealth government, the government of the Northern Territory or any other authority or organisation during the term of the scholarship. The scholarship recipient may not be eligible for the scholarship if they are in receipt of financial assistance from other programs offered by the department.

8. Do I need to organise my own placements or can somebody assist me?

Charles Darwin University (CDU) staff organise all placements for CDU and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) students. Students are not to approach any educational setting for their placements. Full details of the process are on the CDU webpage: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/education/inschool>

8.1 Northern Territory Government employees will need to negotiate your release time via your line manager. There is no provision for release to complete any professional experience units.

Please note there are no additional payments for work experience placements.

9. What does it mean to fulfil the requirements of the university in relation to academic content of courses, academic progress and general conduct?

Universities have expectations of students in relation to completion of their courses and their conduct. The following CDU links will assist you to understand the expectations.

- Higher Education Students – Academic Progression Procedures: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/governance/doclibrary/pro-038.pdf>
- Students – Breach of Academic Integrity Procedures: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/governance/doclibrary/pro-092.pdf>
- CDU Code of Conduct: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/sites/default/files/faculties-placement/CodeofConduct.pdf>
- A broad range of other relevant documents can be found at: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/governance/doclibrary/index.php>

10. Can I defer my scholarship?

Yes, in exceptional circumstances the recipient can apply to defer the scholarship for up to one academic year provided the student has satisfactorily completed at least one semester of study. The recipient must apply for a deferral in writing stating the circumstances to the Program Manager

11. Will I have support from the Department of Education during my scholarship?

Yes, throughout the term of the agreement, the department will:

- Support you to network with other recipients of scholarships under the program
- Assist you to connect with mentors and relevant academic support providers
- Refer you to relevant support services as required
- Guide you through the teacher recruitment process on attaining your qualification.

12. Can I terminate my scholarship?

Yes, the scholarship recipient may terminate the scholarship by written notice to the Program Manager of their intention to terminate the scholarship. If the scholarship is terminated, the scholarship recipient will not receive any further payments of the scholarship from the date the Department receives the notice.

13. Can my scholarship be terminated?

Yes, the Department of Education can terminate the scholarship if the Scholarship Terms and Conditions are breached.

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