

About the CDU Foundation

The Charles Darwin University Foundation was established to facilitate philanthropic giving to Charles Darwin University (CDU) and will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in 2018.

Our core aim is to support and assist the University and the Council of the University in encouraging and fostering relationships with those interested in donating funds that can be invested in the future of our University. This includes support for students, staff, programs and physical infrastructure.

Giving to CDU holds transformative potential. From its agency in the individual lives of students via the life-changing power of VET and Higher Education, to the profound impact of cutting-edge research, supporting CDU is a great way to give back to your community. As a philanthropic gesture, the impact of your gift is guaranteed.

We actively seek contributions, both cash and in-kind, towards purposes that at present include:

- Scholarships and prizes
- Research fellowships
- Teaching and learning purposes, including the library
- CDU's growing collection of Indigenous art
- The CDU Theatre Redevelopment Fund
- The Indonesian Garden development

Note: Scholarships for education and nursing studies and for VET programs are particularly sought at this time.

Gifts to the CDU Foundation are tax-deductible. Bequest gifts, which may be named to honour the deceased, are welcomed. Various programs and scholarship funds can be designed to respond to the specific wishes of the donor and/or their family.

Scholarship-based giving

Scholarships are an expression of belief in the potential of the person whose education they support. University scholarships are life-changing, with benefits that flow for generations; far in excess of the initial investment made. What better way to demonstrate our faith in our University's students than to support their dreams for the future?

For every scholarship opportunity that is presently available at CDU, we have worthy applicants who miss out. Many will not be able to afford to commence or continue their studies without financial assistance.

Scholarships – VET, undergraduate, post-graduate and post-doctoral – are a powerful means by which to reward excellence, to advance the equity and diversity agenda, and to support the research discovery required to respond to the myriad challenges our times and region present.

Naming rights opportunities can set up scholarships to serve as a lasting tribute in memory of an individual or family who may wish to set up a fund as part of their will/s. In this way, scholarships enable donors to continue to give back to their nominated university (CDU) and their home community (Northern Territory) long after they're gone. Depending on the terms of the bequest, scholarships may exist for a time-limited period, or in perpetuity.

Endowed or non-endowed?

An endowment is a specific fund set up from donations from one or many individuals, often as part of a bequest, with naming rights available to create enduring memorial gift on behalf of the deceased. The principal (the original gift) of the fund is invested (as opposed to simply banked) and earned income is used to fund a scholarship or scholarships, which may be offered in perpetuity. Usually, some of the annual interest is also reinvested, allowing the principal to grow, so that the endowment becomes larger over time, and produces more income.

A non-endowment fund is more short-term, distributing scholarship monies until the fund is depleted. In this case, the University simply awards scholarships against specific criteria until the money runs out. The main advantage of this model is the ability to make a bigger impact in the shorter term. The advantage of the former is its longevity, with impact building over the years.

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