

CDU Global Merit Scholarship

VALUE

A tuition fee reduction equivalent to 30% of the international tuition fee will be applied.

DURATION

Entire duration of course

NUMBER AVAILABLE

Multiple

APPLICATION

Automatically awarded if eligible

PURPOSE

The Global Merit Scholarship (GMS) is designed to support international students who choose to study at Charles Darwin University and are able to maintain academic success and progress throughout the study of their course. The scholarship will be offered to eligible students commencing from Semester 1, 2024 onwards, in an eligible course and meet the academic criteria. The terms, conditions, and eligibility requirements listed below apply to all recipients of the CDU Global Merit Scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1) The CDU GMS is awarded at the discretion of the University to international students who are enrolled in full-time award study at CDU.
- 2) The CDU GMS is available for students commencing study in their first course (or suite of packaged courses) at CDU in 2024, 2025, or 2026. Students may be considered eligible if they are returning students who have completed their course and are enrolling in a higher-level course at CDU.
- 3) The CDU GMS is only available to students applying for CDU TAFE, Undergraduate, Postgraduate (Coursework), and Higher Degree by Research courses.
- 4) Courses exempt from the GMS in 2026 are listed below:

Courses exempt from the GMS in 2026:	
Associate Degree in Accounting Studies	Diploma of Hospitality Management
Bachelor of Oral Health Therapy	Diploma of Introductory Accounting
Bachelor of Nursing	Diploma of Social Care
Bachelor of Educational Studies	Doctor of Philosophy (by Prior Publication)
Certificate III in Baking	English for Academic Purposes EAP3/EAP 4
Certificate III in Barbering	Graduate Certificate of Public Health
Certificate III in Beauty Services	Master of Clinical Audiology
Certificate IV in Kitchen Management	Master of Nursing Practice (Pre-registration)
Diploma of Beauty Therapy	Master of Occupational Therapy
Diploma of Health Care	Master of Speech and Language Therapy
Diploma of Health Studies	Study Abroad – One Semester / Study Abroad – Two Semesters

- 5) The CDU GMS is only available to international students who are studying on a student visa or other eligible visa.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND ONGOING ELIGIBILITY

- 1) The CDU GMS cannot be used in conjunction with any other CDU tuition fee discount.
- 2) The scholarship is non-transferable, cannot be redeemed for cash or any other benefit, and applies exclusively to tuition fees for the eligible course.
- 3) The CDU GMS is valid for the duration of the course as listed on the Letter of Offer, provided all conditions of the scholarship are met.
- 4) Where a student has accepted a package offer containing multiple course offerings, all courses listed on the offer that are eligible for the scholarship will have the scholarship applied.
- 5) The scholarship can only be applied to the recipient's first enrolment in a course and cannot be applied to any future applications for the same course.
- 6) The scholarship cannot be applied to any units undertaken with a partner institution or organisation.
- 7) The recipient must notify the scholarships team by emailing international@cdu.edu.au if any of the following circumstances arise:
 - a) The recipient discontinues their studies, or
 - b) The recipient defers or is approved for a leave of absence, or
 - c) The recipient changes their course of study, or
 - d) Any other circumstances that may affect the recipient's eligibility for the GMS.
- 8) The CDU GMS remains valid whilst the recipient:
 - a) is in their commencing semester;
 - b) enrolls into a consequent semester with a minimum of cumulated GPA 4.0 (GPA of all units attempted by the recipient in the course);
 - c) remains enrolled in study congruent to completing within the required duration as stipulated by the end date on the Letter of Offer;
 - d) pays all tuition and additional fees and costs in accordance with CDU policy (ensuring that tuition fees are paid in full by the Census Date of each study period); and
 - e) meets the conditions of their student visa or an appropriate visa according to the requirements of the Migration Act 1958 (Cth) and rules and regulations made thereunder.
- 9) The CDU GMS will be terminated if the recipient:
 - a) fails to fulfill the ongoing eligibility requirements, such as:
 - i. does not complete their course requirements within the duration specified on their Letter of Offer; or
 - ii. has overdue tuition fees and/or outstanding debts after the Census Date of any study period, or selects to go on a payment plan; or
 - iii. graduates from their nominated course; or
 - iv. cancels their enrolment at CDU; or
 - v. has their enrolment cancelled at CDU; or
 - vi. the recipient ceases to be enrolled in the approved eligible course, or
 - b) breaches the terms and conditions of the scholarship; or

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- c) is found by the University to have breached the [Code of Conduct – Students](#) or any other CDU policies.
 - d) has provided false, inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information to obtain the scholarship.
- 10) If the scholarship is terminated, the recipient will be notified, and an invoice for the full tuition fee may be issued. Appeals can be made through the University's complaints and appeals process.
 - 11) If an international student cancels their studies at CDU prior to the completion date set out in their Letter of Offer and the Confirmation of Enrolment (COE), and/or transfers to a different Education Provider, the international student is liable to repay an amount equivalent to the tuition fees paid by GMS (being 30% of the published full international tuition fees) for each study period that was attempted.
 - 12) Where a Scholarship is applied to courses as part of a package offer, if the Scholarship is terminated for one course within the package of courses, the Scholarship will remain terminated thenceforth and will not be applied to any further courses outlined in the package offer.
 - 13) As per the [International Student Fee Policy](#), refund amounts payable to international students may be adjusted to include the recouping of waived published fees, such as the repayment of any CDU GMS, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the scholarship.
 - 14) Fees owing by the scholarship recipient to the University may be deducted from any refund that is payable by the University or an invoice for the amount of Scholarship deducted for each relevant term prior to the request for cancellation will be sent to the student for payment.

The scheme will operate under and in terms of CDU's [Units and Courses Policy](#), including but not limited to the [Enrolment Policy](#), [Scholarships and Prizes Policy](#), [Admissions Policy](#), [International Student Fee Policy](#), and [Higher Education Academic Progression Policy](#).

CDU reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions or withdraw the scholarship scheme at its discretion and without prior notice. However, students already enrolled and paying tuition under this scheme will continue to benefit for the duration of their program, provided they meet the scheme's terms and conditions.

Students who are uncertain about any of the terms and conditions are encouraged to write to CDU Global at international@cdu.edu.au.