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# Destination Australia Scholarship



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# 2020 Guidelines

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# 1. SCHOLARSHIP AND PAYMENT DETAILS

- 1.1. Destination Australia Scholarship is a key initiative by The Australian Government to support both Australian and international students to study in regional Australia. The scholarship is to support the study and living expenses associated with studying on a regional campus at Charles Sturt University.
- 1.2. The scholarship is valued at a total of \$15,000 per annum, payable in equal instalments in session one and session two, for the duration of the degree, on the condition that ongoing eligibility criteria is met.

| <b>Target Courses</b>                  | <b>Duration</b> |
|--|-----------------|
| Bachelor of Accounting                 | 3 years         |
| Bachelor of Communication (Journalism) | 3 years         |
| Masters of Information Technology      | 2 years         |

- 1.3. The scholarship is payable by EFT to the personal bank account that you have registered with Charles Sturt University. Payment is made within 1-2 weeks of Census date to successful recipients meeting the eligibility criteria.
- 1.4. You can register bank details with Charles Sturt University on the [Student Administration](#) website by going to Personal Details to enter or change bank details.
- 1.5. The University reserves the right to recoup scholarship payments if your circumstances change and you no longer meet the eligibility criteria.
- 1.6. The Scholarships Office will be responsible for the assessment, allocation and administration of this scholarship.
- 1.7. The University receives a high volume of applications for scholarships, meeting the eligibility criteria may not guarantee applicants a scholarship offer. This scholarship has course and campus quotas.
- 1.8. Scholarships are not intended to be your sole source of income support.
- 1.9. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must have met all of the eligibility criteria by the closing date. Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for this scholarship you must be:

- 2.1. a commencing student in July 2020;
- 2.2. enrolled as a full-time student;
- 2.3. enrolled as an on-campus student;
- 2.4. studying an Undergraduate or Post Graduate course as an active student;

2.5. enrolled at Charles Sturt University in an eligible course;

**Course**

Bachelor of Accounting

Bachelor of Communication (Journalism)

Masters of Information Technology

2.6. an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen, a permanent Australian resident, a student with an Australian permanent visa or an International Student Visa

**Please note:** to continue to be eligible for this Scholarship, you must, by the census date of each subsequent session:

- Maintain ongoing residency in a regional area as defined by the 2016 [Australian Geography Standard Remoteness Structure](#), for the duration of each study period.

Where a course includes study outside a regional area (for example, for a clinical placement), residency away from the regional area is permitted for no more than one study period (not exceeding 6 months). In cases where the requirements of a compulsory placement exceed the permitted study period away from regional area, approval must be sought from the Department of Education by the university.

- International Students are also required to maintain a student visa for the duration of the scholarship in order to ensure protection under the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000.
- meet initial eligibility criteria and
- maintain a Grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 or higher

### **3. SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS**

#### **Assessment**

3.1. Complete an online application form.

#### **Selection**

3.2. Applications will be assessed in accordance with the eligibility criteria and information provided.

3.3. Applications with incorrect or no supporting documentation will be deemed ineligible.

3.4. You may be assessed as eligible but not receive an offer due to quota restrictions.

3.5. There are no interviews required.

### **Conditional Offer**

- 3.6. Eligible students will be made a conditional offer which is conditional on meeting the eligibility criteria at Census date.
- 3.7. Students who have not met the eligibility criteria at Census date will have their conditional offer withdrawn.

### **Outcome**

- 3.8. All applicants will be informed in writing of the outcome of their application within two weeks of the advertised closing date.

### **Acceptance**

- 3.9. Successful applicants are required to accept their scholarship offer.
- 3.10. Offers not accepted by the offer expiry date will be withdrawn.

## **4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- 4.1. Applicants taking a Leave of Absence will have their scholarship withdrawn .

## **5. TERMINATION**

Charles Sturt University will terminate the scholarship if:

- 5.1. you cease to meet the eligibility criteria;
- 5.2. you are guilty of academic misconduct;
- 5.3. the scholarship was awarded on the basis of false or misleading information.

## **6. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

By accepting the scholarship offer you agree to:

- 6.1. fulfil all requirements as set out in these guidelines;
- 6.2. consent to Charles Sturt University accessing your student records for the purposes of assessing and administering the scholarship;
- 6.3. provide any change of individual circumstances in writing to the Scholarships Office [scholarships.officer@csu.edu.au](mailto:scholarships.officer@csu.edu.au);
- 6.4. provide information and participate in surveys for promotional purposes and review of this scholarship;
- 6.5. accept the terms and conditions of this scholarship.
- 6.6. the scholarship office making contact with you every session to ensure you remain eligible.

The University reserves the right to undertake audits of individual student's records to ensure adherence to these guidelines.

## 7. POLICY

- 7.1. A scholarship recipient who undertakes a program of study overseas with another University as a cross-institutional student, will be considered for payment of this scholarship during this period. This is conditional on the cross-institutional study being a requirement of the course and all other eligibility criteria being met.
- 7.2. A scholarship recipient should be aware that payments may be regarded as income by Centrelink and/or ATO it is the responsibility of the recipient to seek independent advice with respect to implications resulting from receiving this scholarship.
  - (a) Full-time students - scholarships are considered to be tax exempt income for students who are studying full time at university.
  - (b) Part-time students - generally, scholarship funding provided to part time students, regardless of their employment status, is not considered to be tax exempt income. However, as long as the scholarship funding is used for non-tax deductible expenses it may be classified as exempt income.

Please seek independent taxation advice regarding your personal circumstance where required or visit [Is your scholarship taxable?](#)

- 7.3. Charles Sturt University will treat any information provided by the applicant within the terms of relevant privacy legislation. See [Charles Sturt University's privacy policy](#) for further information.
- 7.4. Due to privacy laws, any discussion of a scholarship application or recipient will only take place with the scholarship applicant/recipient.
- 7.5. The information collected will be used by authorised University staff to assess eligibility and administer the scholarship program. The information may also be used for assessment purposes for other scholarships, grants and equity programs across the University. Recipient names and email addresses may be made available to departments within the University for marketing and research purposes. No details will be used externally for any reason without the recipient's consent. Students should be aware that they provide information of their own free will.
- 7.6. Personal and health information provided by the applicant will not be made available to any person within the University or external organisation for any other purpose without the applicant's consent, except where it may be a legal requirement of the University to provide information.

## 8. RELEVANT LEGISLATION

- 8.1. The following legislation, as amended from time to time, is directly relevant to this policy:
- (a) Higher Education Support Act 2003;
  - (b) Freedom of Information Act 1982;
  - (c) Privacy Act 1988 (Cwlth) as amended in the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 (Cwlth);
  - (d) Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW); and
  - (e) Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 (NSW).
  - (f) Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000

## 9. DEFINITIONS

- 9.1. **Active Student:** A student who is enrolled in subject/s in the current/commencing session. This excludes students on approved Leave of Absence.
- 9.2. **ATAR:** Australian Tertiary Admission Rank. The ATAR is a rank that allows the comparison of students who have completed different combinations of HSC/VCE courses. It is calculated solely for use by institutions to rank and select school leavers for admission to tertiary courses and by Charles Sturt University to determine eligibility for our merit scholarships.
- 9.3. **Census Date:** The date at which you can withdraw from a subject or course without financial penalty.
- 9.4. **Commencing Student:** A student enrolled in and undertaking, subjects in their first year of study.
- 9.5. **Commonwealth Supported Place:** A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a subsidised higher education enrolment. The Australian Government subsidises a CSP by paying part of the fees for the place directly to the University.
- 9.6. **Commonwealth Supported Student:** A student enrolled in a CSP is referred to as a 'Commonwealth supported student'. Students only pay the 'student contribution' amount, set by the university, for their units of study. (As defined in the [Higher Education Support Act 2003](#)).
- 9.7. **Conditional Offer:** An offer of a scholarship which is made based on you continuing to meet the eligibility requirements as at session Census Date.
- 9.8. **Continuing Student:** A student enrolled in, and undertaking, subjects in their second and subsequent years of study at Charles Sturt University.

- 9.9. **Domestic Student (Student):** Means a student with a permanent home address in Australia who is:
- An Australian citizen
  - A New Zealand citizen
  - A diplomatic or consular representative of New Zealand, a member of the staff of such a representative or the spouse or dependent relative of such a representative; or
  - A student with an Australian permanent visa.
- 9.10. **Full-Fee Paying:** If you're a domestic student in a full-fee-paying place, it means your place receives no financial contribution from the government and you are required to pay the full cost of the course.
- 9.11. **Full-time:** A full-time student is one who is enrolled to undertake an amount of study of at least three quarters (or 75%) of an equivalent full-time study load (EFTSL). At Charles Sturt University, this equates to being enrolled in three or more (8 point) subjects, or 24 subject points or more per session.
- 9.12. **Grade Point Average:** A grade point is the numerical value assigned to a final grade to allow calculation of a Grade Point Average (GPA). GPA is the average of all final grades obtained by a student for courses within an academic program.
- 9.13. **Internal Student:** An internal student is a student that is studying the majority of subjects for any given session of the course as an on campus student. For example, if a student is enrolled in four subjects for a session, then three or more subjects must be studied internally (on campus). If a student is enrolled in three subjects for a session, then two or more subjects must be studied internally (on campus). The status as an internal student can change for each session of study.
- 9.14. **Leave of Absence:** Official approval to be absent from your study, whilst still maintaining the status of enrolled student.
- 9.15. **Online Student:** A student enrolled in 75% or more of subjects in a given session studying online.
- 9.16. **Part-time:** A part-time student is one who is enrolled in one or two (8 point) subjects per session, which equates to 8 or 16 subject points per session.
- 9.17. **Undergraduate:** Undergraduate students who are enrolled and are studying for approved undergraduate qualifications at eligible higher education providers. Approved undergraduate qualifications include Bachelor Degree, Associate Degree, Advanced Diploma and Diploma courses of study. Enabling courses do not qualify.

## **10. AMENDMENTS**

- 10.1. Amendments may be made to these guidelines from time to time by the Scholarships Office.