

## International Scholarship Ranking Guidelines

### 2024 Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship Round

#### Purpose

These guidelines are used to assess and award International RTP Scholarships at Charles Darwin University (CDU). The aim of the ranking scheme is to ensure that all applicants can compete equally in the scholarship ranking process.

All Scholarships will be ranked in accordance with the Australian Government [Commonwealth Scholarship Guidelines \(2017\)](#) and the CDU [RTP Scholarship Policy](#).

The Dean of Graduate Studies will approve all scholarship offers based on the recommendation of the CDU HDR Scholarship Working Party. Scholarship offers are subject to applicants meeting the admission criteria outline in the [CDU HDR Admissions Policy](#).

Applicants that do not follow the prescribed application process or have not applied with all supporting documentation by the closing date will be excluded from the scholarship ranking process.

#### Process

International Stipend Assessment will be given a ranking out of 10 based on:

1. Qualifications (to a maximum of 5 points)
2. Refereed Publication (to a maximum of 5 points)

This configuration of a score through this matrix ensures that almost all disciplines have an opportunity to be successful.

#### Significant caveat

All scholarship applications will be ranked in accordance with the ranking criteria outlined in page two of this document. However as outlined in the Commonwealth Scholarship Guidelines (Research) 2017 University's are able to *"give priority to a class of students such as Indigenous students, low socioeconomic status (SES) students, students undertaking research in a particular discipline or emerging area of research strength, or students undertaking a HDR for the first time"*.

CDU will give priority to students undertaking a doctoral degree for the first time. As a matter of equity, students commencing their second doctorate will be eligible to apply but will be considered for a stipend after all the candidates undertaking the PhD for the first time are considered.

## Ranking Criteria

### Section 1 – Qualifications

A maximum of 5 will be allocated for Section 1.

Ranking	Honours	Research Masters	Coursework Masters (dissertation component)
5	H1	HD or D; ungraded Pass*	-
4	H2A or H2.1	Cr	-
3.5	-	-	HD/D
3	H2B or H2.2	P	-

*\* in case of an ungraded pass Research Masters, a verifiable institutional record confirming that the candidate's thesis is in the top 5% of research will grant an allocation of 5 points.*

### Section 2 – Refereed Publications

A maximum of five points will be allocated for Section 2. The publications must be published and verified at the time of the University's ranking process to be considered in the ranking. "Under review" publications will not be considered.

Publication	Point Value
Singly-authored scholarly monograph	1
Singly-authored peer review article	0.8
First-authored peer review article	0.7
First-authored refereed conference paper	0.6
Peer-reviewed NTRO	0.5