# 2023-24 International Student Travel Grant Guidelines

#### Overview

By studying in Australia's Northern Territory, you will receive a quality Australian education with genuine employment opportunities, while living in a community that offers a warm, relaxed and affordable lifestyle. The Northern Territory welcomes international students and provides you an opportunity to connect with like-minded people.

Study NT has established the **Study NT International Student Travel Grant** to assist international students who are considering moving to the NT with their relocation expenses to Darwin.

Before applying, students should familiarise themselves with the terms and conditions of this grant program.

To apply for this grant, applicants must complete the **Study NT International Student Travel Grant** application form via <u>Grants NT</u>.

If you require assistance in completing the form, please contact Study NT via email <u>StudyNT@nt.gov.au</u> or call +61 8 8999 7500 between 8:30am and 4:30pm (Australian Central Standard Time), Monday to Friday.

# Grant eligibility

Applicants must:

- 1. Be outside of Australia at time of application (evidence will be required).
- 2. Not be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident.
- 3. Not have previously received funding under the International Student Travel Grant program.
- 4. Be planning to move to the Northern Territory from outside of Australia.
- 5. Have been granted a valid student visa (subclass 500).
- 6. Arrive in the Northern Territory before 1 June 2024 and provide evidence of intended travel (flight itinerary) and costs with their application.
- 7. Not have received any other Study NT grant funding (i.e. Study NT Accommodation Grant/Study in Australia's Northern Territory Scholarship Program).
- 8. Be a current international student enrolled for the next period of study with a Northern Territory International Education and Training provider, or a future student intending to enrol with a Northern Territory international education and training provider. Proof of Certificate of Enrolment is required.
- 9. Not be an international student enrolled in short courses or non-accredited courses. Courses must be a minimum duration of 24 weeks to be eligible for application under this grant.
- 10. Be enrolled in a course that commences prior to 1 June 2024.



- 11. Open or have an Australian bank account in the Applicant's name and have an Australian address for receipt of funding (payment will be made to the Applicant following arrival in the Northern Territory, and upon verification of bank account details and address by Study NT).
- 12. Note only one application is permitted per Applicant.
- 13. Note grant funding is not transferable.

#### Application, selection and acquittal process

- 1. Applicants should not base their decision to study on the outcome of the Study NT International Student Travel Grant. Applicants are not guaranteed to be awarded the grant.
- 2. The applicant is required to submit a completed application form to Study NT through Grants NT, including a signed declaration and relevant documents.
- 3. Applications open in March 2024 through the Grants NT portal only.
- 4. Approvals will only be verified once a student supplies relevant documents:
  - a. Application form
  - b. Student visa grant letter
  - c. Confirmation of enrolment (CoE)
  - d. Confirmation of flight details/evidence of arrival date.
- 5. Students must have an Australian bank account under their own name to be eligible to receive the grant of up to AUD\$750.
- 6. An email acknowledging receipt of the application will be sent within two working days of receipt of each application by us. In the event the applicant does not receive confirmation, they should phone +61 8 8999 7500 to check the progress of the application.
- 7. If further details or information is requested by Study NT, the applicant must submit these within seven (7) days of request.
- 8. A Study NT representative assesses all applications to determine successful grant recipients. The success or otherwise of an application is solely at the discretion of Study NT and no correspondence will be entered into once assessments have been finalised.
- 9. The application process consists of two steps. Once the application is endorsed by Study NT, the applicant must also travel to the Northern Territory and set up an Australian bank account to become eligible for the funding.
- 10. Successful applicants will receive up to AUD\$750 to support their relocation expenses to the Northern Territory.
- 11. Applications must be submitted at least 15 business days prior to the commencement of study or relocation to Darwin.
- 12. Study NT will not cover any other travel or relocation costs beyond the allocated grant funding.
- 13. Funding is limited and awarded at Study NT's absolute discretion. Once the funding has been exhausted, the grant program will cease.
- 14. Applications close **11:59pm ACST**, **30 May 2024**. Late applications or handwritten submissions will not be accepted.
- 15. Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply for future Study NT programs.

### Termination of the Study NT International Student Travel Grant

Study NT has discretion to terminate the Study NT International Student Travel Grant in the event of any of the following:

- 1. Cancellation of enrolment.
- 2. Failure to meet eligibility requirements.
- 3. Failure to abide by the terms and conditions.

# **Conditions of funding**

Successful grant recipients must abide by the following conditions:

- 1. Grant recipients will be required to enter into a funding agreement before the grant will be paid, so it's important to remember that when the funding agreement is signed, successful applicants will be legally obliged to complete the activity.
- 2. If the activity does not occur within the time frames set in the funding agreement, the funding must be returned in full to the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade.
- 3. Grant recipients will acknowledge that the Northern Territory Government accepts no responsibility for the activity, irrespective of the funding provided to support the activity.
- 4. Grant recipients are required to promote the activity, and any social media posts must include the Study NT hashtag **#StudyNT**.

#### **Personal information**

Personal information may be collected as part of the application process and will be used to assess your eligibility for the Study NT International Student Accommodation Grant program.

The Department has a legal obligation under the *Information Act 2002 (NT)* not to disclose personal information other than for the primary purpose for which it was collected, unless otherwise agreed to, or authorised by law.

The Department will handle your personal information in accordance with its <u>Privacy Policy</u><sup>1</sup> which outlines how you can access or seek to correct your personal information, or lodge a complaint about a breach of the Northern Territory's Privacy Principles. You can access or find out more about how the Department manages your personal information by contacting the Privacy Officer at the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, via GPO Box 3200, Darwin, NT 0801, or by telephoning +61 8 8999 2314 or emailing <u>FOI.DITT@nt.gov.au</u>.

In addition to the Privacy Laws, the Department is subject to, and may do anything in connection with this Program that may be required for compliance with the *Independent Commissioner against Corruption Act* 2017 (NT).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://industry.nt.gov.au/publications/policies/privacy-policy

# **Release and indemnity**

By applying for a Study NT International Student Travel Grant, applicants warrant to the Department that they have read, understood and fully accept these program guidelines and fully release and indemnify the Department against any loss or damage they may suffer of any nature whatsoever (including without limitation personal injury or death) caused or contributed to by participation in the Study NT International Student Travel Grant program.

# **Contact details**

For further information contact Study NT by emailing <u>StudyNT@nt.gov.au</u> or calling +61 8 8999 7500.