

Guidelines - Study NT International Student Accommodation Grant

The Northern Territory (NT)'s capital, Darwin, is a modern and vibrant city with all the essential services and infrastructure you would expect of a capital city. With over 100 different multicultural and community groups, Darwin is home to many exciting festivals, cultural and social activities and food extravaganzas. The NT is a study destination where it is easy to connect with community and nature and offers endless opportunities.

Study NT has established the **Study NT International Student Accommodation Grant** to assist international students, who are moving to Darwin, NT. For successful applicants, the grant covers the first six weeks of a student's accommodation fee at either [UniLodge Darwin¹](#) in Casuarina or [International House Darwin²](#), located on-campus at Charles Darwin University (CDU). Applications are open to international students who have been accepted to study with an international education training provider in the NT. **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 Accommodation Grant** application form and submit via email to StudyNT@nt.gov.au. If you require assistance in completing the form, please contact Study NT via email StudyNT@nt.gov.au or call +61 8 8999 7500 between 8:30am and 4:00pm ACST, Monday to Friday.

Grant eligibility and selection criteria

Eligibility

1. The applicant must not already live in the NT when applying for this grant.
2. The applicant must be planning to move to the NT from interstate or overseas.
3. The applicant must not hold current Australian citizenship or Australian permanent residency.
4. The applicant must have been granted a valid student visa (subclass 500).
5. The applicant must have applied and obtained an offer of admission to study in the NT. Study NT requires evidence that the applicant is commencing studies at the applicant's chosen NT education and training provider (such as a confirmation of enrolment document from the student's institution).
6. International students enrolled in short courses or non-accredited courses are not eligible to apply. The course must be at least a duration of 24 weeks to be eligible to apply for this grant.
7. The student's course must commence prior to 1 June 2025 and the 6-week accommodation must commence by this date.
8. The Accommodation Grant is available for one person only, couples and dependents are not eligible to stay at the accommodation provider.

¹ <https://www.unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-darwin/darwin>

² <https://ihd.cdu.edu.au/>

Selection criteria

1. The applicant is required to submit a completed application form to Study NT, including a signed declaration.
2. The applicant must have applied and obtained an offer of admission to study in the NT. Study NT requires evidence of acceptance to transfer to or commence study at the applicant's chosen NT education and training provider (provide confirmation of enrolment document from the student's institution).
3. The accommodation provider may request referee checks, further supporting documents or an interview.

Terms and conditions

1. Application forms are to be submitted via email to: StudyNT@nt.gov.au.
2. A Study NT representative assesses all applications to determine successful grant applicants.
3. The Study NT International Student Accommodation Grant is only awarded to genuine prospective students.
4. The application process consists of two steps. Once the application is endorsed by Study NT, the applicant must apply online with the accommodation provider.
5. Applicants must reside overseas or outside the NT at the time of application.
6. Applicants are not guaranteed of being awarded the Study NT International Student Accommodation Grant.
7. Accommodation is subject to availability. Room availability cannot be guaranteed.
8. Successful applicants will receive six weeks accommodation (based on accommodation for up to a maximum of \$277 per week at UniLodge, or \$250 per week at International House Darwin).
9. Accommodation costs are subject to change from the accommodation provider.
10. Accommodation at UniLodge is subject to the [National Rental Affordability Scheme³](#) (NRAS)* and all applicants need to undertake a yearly income check.
11. Accommodation at International House Darwin is available to prospective CDU students only. An entry interview applies.
12. Successful applicants at either accommodation provider must commit to a minimum six months contract and adhere to the conditions of that provider's contract, including lease break arrangements. Applicants must notify the accommodation provider two weeks prior to planning on moving out of the property.
13. Successful applicants must agree to the accommodation provider's terms and conditions.
14. A refundable security bond (four weeks rent), a residential life program fee (\$50/year) and a departure cleaning fee (\$150) applies for UniLodge Darwin.
15. A refundable rental bond (four weeks rent) and an application fee (\$70) applies at International House Darwin (CDU).
16. UniLodge and International House Darwin rates may increase after 1 January 2025.
17. Applications must be submitted at least 15 business days (3 weeks) prior to the commencement of study or relocation to Darwin.
18. Study NT will not cover any travel or other relocation costs.
19. Funding is limited and awarded at Study NT's discretion.
20. Applications under this grant program close at 3pm (ACST) on 1 June 2025 unless fully subscribed earlier.

³ <https://www.dss.gov.au/housing-support-programs-services-housing-national-rental-affordability-scheme/about-the-national-rental-affordability-scheme-nras#national>

*The NRAS threshold depends on the apartment type. Below an example for the 2024-25 NRAS year:

Household composition	Initial income limit	Existing tenant income limit
One adult	\$61,322	\$76,653

Due diligence

Applicants acknowledge that the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade's Study NT will, in addition to anything referred in these Program Guidelines, conduct such due diligence enquiries as it sees fit at each stage of an application, in order to ensure the integrity of the Study NT International Student Accommodation Grant program.

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 [Privacy Policy](#)⁴ 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 FOI.DITT@nt.gov.au.

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)*.

Release and indemnity

By applying for a Study NT International Student Accommodation 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 Accommodation Grant program.

Further information

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

⁴ <https://industry.nt.gov.au/publications/policies/privacy-policy>