

Guidelines

2020-21 International Student Wellbeing Grants Program - Round 2

Overview

The Northern Territory Government's StudyNT promotes the Northern Territory as a study destination for international students.

As at November 2020, there were 4700 international students enrolled in the Northern Territory. The industry contributed \$145 million in export revenue to the Northern Territory economy in 2019 and created 613 jobs (latest available data).

The International Student Wellbeing Grant Program has been established by the Northern Territory Government to enhance the wellbeing of international students studying in the Territory.

Since the establishment of the program in 2018, the program has:

- provided grants to the total of \$509 820 to local businesses, community organisations and student groups
- supported a total of 78 activities and events
- engaged over 3000 international students.

Funding is available for events and activities taking place from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 that align with the program's objectives below.

Objectives

The overall objectives of the 2020-21 International Student Wellbeing Grant Program Round 2 are to:

- deliver high quality activities that enrich and promote international student wellbeing
- increase international students' social connections and belonging to the Territory
- increase employment opportunities for international students and graduates on a post-study working visa
- increase community understanding of the benefits and value international students bring to the Territory, including economic, social and cultural contributions
- provide tools and strategies for international students to manage mental health and physical safety.

Student wellbeing defined

Wellbeing is a complex combination of a person's physical, mental, emotional and social health factors, and is of increasing importance when dealing with the impacts of COVID-19, which included students' isolation

and their loss of jobs. Wellbeing is strongly linked to happiness and life satisfaction and could be described as how individuals feel about themselves and their life.

Wellbeing can vary from student to student and depends on many factors, including feeling connected with other students and the community, being mentally and physically healthy, having access to opportunities and feeling safe.

Student wellbeing is vital for growth in the international education and training sector and a positive experience shared by students has ongoing impacts in attracting further students.

How to apply

Complete your application online via [GrantsNT](#) by **11:59pm ACST, Tuesday 6 April 2021**.

Late applications after the closing date will not be accepted.

If you need assistance with your application, please call StudyNT on (08) 8999 7500 between 8:30am and 4pm, Monday to Friday or email StudyNT@nt.gov.au.

Applicants that have not previously acquitted funding with StudyNT **will not** be eligible to apply.

Grant Categories and eligibility

International student wellbeing grants

Grants of up to \$10 000 (GST exclusive) are available for the delivery of events and activities that meet the program objectives.

Grants are open to international education and training providers, student and community groups, associations, businesses and not-for-profit organisations that meet the eligibility criteria at 'Who can apply?'. Applicants working in partnership with other organisations or businesses are strongly encouraged to apply, provided it can be demonstrated that the eligibility criteria has been met.

Who can apply?

Applicants must be a registered business, company or an incorporated association with an ABN or if the applicant is not a registered business or incorporated association with an ABN, they must be supported by an administering body.

An administering body is a registered business or incorporated organisation with an ABN that will receive the grant funding on the applicant's behalf. The administering body also has the responsibility for making sure that the activity is completed on time and acquits the grant funding. Applicants applying who are proposing to be supported by an administering body will need to provide evidence of an agreement between the administering body and the applicant.

Events and activities offered under the International Student Wellbeing Grants Program must be available to all international students, or at least to international students from more than three international education and training providers.

What we can fund

- Exciting and innovative ideas which enrich the wellbeing and experiences of international students while they are studying in the Territory.
- Events and activities that meet the programs objectives, including activities that increase international students' social connections and create positive opportunities for them to connect and get involved in the local community.
- Events and activities such as (but not limited to) sporting activities, mental health awareness activities, volunteering and leadership programs and community and multicultural events.
- Travel costs associated with an event/activity.
- Purchase of equipment that does not exceed 25 per cent of the total value of the grant (e.g. electronic equipment such as tablets, speakers, televisions, etc.).
- Catering costs not exceeding 25 per cent of the total value of the grant.

What we can't fund

- Organisations, community groups, individuals etc. outside of the Territory, unless the event/activity directly benefits international students living in the Territory.
- Events and activities that do not align to the objectives of the program outlined in these Program Guidelines and do not have a focus on the wellbeing of international students.
- Purchase of equipment for individuals (e.g. mobile phone, laptop etc.).
- Commercial or business activities (to make a profit).
- Membership fees to professional organisations.
- Costs for fundraising or charitable activities.
- Alcohol purchases.
- Illegal activities.
- Costs associated with preparing a StudyNT International Student Wellbeing Grant application.
- Ongoing administration (overheads and service charges related to running an organisation).
- Legal fees and insurance costs.
- Events or activities that are political in nature.
- Events or activities that are discriminatory against another based on their gender, culture, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or religion.

Key dates

Activity	Date
Grant round open	3 March 2021
Grant round close	6 April 2021, 11:59pm
Applications assessed	27 April 2021
Notification of successful applications	6 May 2021

Acquittal of grant funding	4 weeks after the event/activity has occurred
Events/activities must be completed by	31 December 2021

Application, selection and acquittal process

1. Applications open Wednesday **3 March 2021**.
2. Applications close **11:59pm ACST, Tuesday 6 April 2021**.
3. Applications will be acknowledged from GrantsNT.
4. A panel will assess all applications and make recommendations of successful applications. The Department will, in its absolute discretion, ascertain and decide whether an applicant recipient is eligible under the 2021 International Student Wellbeing Grant Program – Round 2.
5. Applications will be assessed against the selection criteria:
 - Outcomes
 - a. Does the application align to the program objectives
 - Methodology
 - a. What is the plan
 - b. Who is involved
 - Value for money
 - a. What will the funding be used for
 - b. Are there any contributions from other stakeholders
 - Promotion
 - a. What is the communications plan
6. Successful and unsuccessful applicants are notified after the 6 May 2021.
7. Grant agreements and any other relevant document is sent to successful applicants, completed and then returned to StudyNT.
8. Payment is processed.
9. Applicant provides promotional material to StudyNT one month prior to the event/activity to increase promotion of the activity/event.
10. Event/activity held.
11. Provide three-high-resolution images and 50 words about the activity/event within 24 hours of completing the activity/event, or a link to a social media post about the event happening.
12. Applicant to acquit their funding and provide an evaluation report on their funded event/activity (template will be provided).

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 in the funding agreement, the funding must be returned to the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade. Changes in date or venue may be considered, but must be agreed with the Department in writing prior to the original date of the event.
3. Four weeks after your event or activity, grant recipients must provide a written evaluation and acquittal report, as outlined in the funding agreement, including copies of any promotional materials and photos.
4. Grant recipients are solely responsible for delivering the funded activities in accordance with the funding agreement terms.
5. Grant recipients will acknowledge that the Northern Territory Government accepts no responsibility for the activity, irrespective of the funding provided to support the activity.
6. Grant recipients may be required to have and keep in place, a public liability insurance policy with a recognised insurance provider and you may be asked to provide a copy of the policy within 5 business days of a request to do so.
7. Grant recipients are required to promote the activity, and any social media posts need to include the StudyNT hashtag #StudyNT.

Due diligence, audit and privacy

Applicants acknowledge that the Department 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 and during the conduct of any funding agreements, in order to ensure the integrity of the 2020-21 International Student Wellbeing Grants Program.

Applicants must be solvent at the time the application is made and must have no reason to believe that they may become insolvent during the period of their participation in the 2020-21 International Student Wellbeing Grants Program. If an applicant has an external administrator or liquidator appointed, or the Department receives other evidence of insolvency then the Department may (but is not obliged to) terminate participation by the insolvent entity (acting reasonably having regard to the circumstances).

Personal information

Personal information may be collected as part of the application process and will be used to assess your eligibility for the 2020-21 International Student Wellbeing Grants Program – Round 2, including conducting due diligence, and if approved, subsequent program management and administration.

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](#) 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 (08) 8999 2314 or emailing DTBI.FOI@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 an International Student Wellbeing 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 2020-21 International Student Wellbeing Grants Program, the conduct or delivery of any approved activities or otherwise.

For more information

Visit www.nt.gov.au or contact StudyNT by emailing StudyNT@nt.gov.au or calling 8999 7500.