

## LATAM Graduate Achievement Scholarship Policy Fairleigh Dickinson University's Vancouver Campus

<b>Responsible Office</b>	Admissions	<b>Effective Date</b>	December 2025
<b>Effective For</b>	FDU Vancouver (from Summer 2026 intake and thereafter)		

### Purpose

The Latin America (LATAM) Graduate Achievement Scholarship has been established to recognize academic excellence and encourage outstanding students from Latin America to pursue graduate studies at Fairleigh Dickinson University's (FDU) Vancouver Campus. This policy outlines the eligibility criteria, award structure, application process, and terms governing the scholarship, ensuring consistency and transparency in its administration.

### Scope

This policy applies to international applicants who are citizens of Latin American countries enrolling in eligible master's programs at FDU Vancouver.

Eligible FDU Vancouver master programs include:

- [Master of Administrative Studies \(MAS\)](#)
- [Master of Hospitality Management Studies \(MHMS\)](#)

### Scholarship Overview

Name	LATAM Graduate Achievement Scholarship
Type	Entrance Scholarship (tuition reduction)
Value	USD \$2,000 per student
Duration	One academic year
Number of Awards	Unlimited (subject to available funding)

*Disbursement: USD \$1,000 awarded after successful completion of Term 1 and USD \$1,000 awarded after successful completion of Term 2, contingent on maintaining academic standing. For details on the disbursement, please see Scholarship Disbursement Structure below.*

### Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for the LATAM Graduate Achievement Scholarship, applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

#### a. Citizenship and Admission Requirements

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- i. Hold citizenship of a Latin American country. Eligible countries include Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela. (Caribbean countries are excluded from this list) \*Applicants must provide a valid passport as proof of citizenship.
- ii. Meet all formal admission requirements for an eligible FDU Vancouver master program.

### **b. Academic Achievement Requirements**

- i. Present a minimum cumulative CGPA equivalent to 3.5/4.0 (U.S. scale) in any previously completed degree. If multiple degrees have been completed, the highest CGPA achieved will be used for evaluation.
- ii. Maintain a minimum CGPA of 3.5/4.0 during Term 1 and Term 2 to remain eligible for each respective scholarship disbursement.
- iii. For the purposes of this policy:
  - a. Term 1 and Term 2 are defined as the student's first two *required* academic terms of study (Fall and Winter, or Winter and Fall, depending on start term).
  - b. The Summer term is excluded from scholarship term calculations, except when Summer constitutes the student's first term of enrollment.
  - c. Summer is not a required term for continuing students, and certain programs—such as the MHMS—offer limited summer coursework that may result in part-time status. To ensure consistency across programs, only the first two required academic terms (Fall and Winter) will be used to assess academic eligibility for disbursement. (see Appendix A)

### **c. Enrollment and Additional Requirements**

- i. Demonstrate strong potential for academic success and positive contribution to the FDU community.
- ii. Scholarship eligibility applies only to courses taken for academic credit; non-credit coursework (including EPS) is excluded.
- iii. Maintain full-time enrollment throughout Term 1 and Term 2, as defined by FDU Vancouver's graduate academic policies.
- d. *\*Full-time enrollment (as defined by FDU Vancouver's academic policies for graduate programs; typically, 9 credits/term) is required. Part-time status is ineligible. Approved exceptions must be pre-approved in writing for continued eligibility.*

## Scholarship Disbursement Structure

Stage	Amount	Condition
After completion of the first academic term  • <i>This disbursement will be awarded in the student's <b>second</b> full term, aligned with the standard scholarship and grant transmission schedule.</i>	USD \$1,000	Maintaining a minimum Term 1 GPA of 3.5 / 4.0 and full-time enrollment in a required academic term.
After completion of the second academic term  • <i>This disbursement will be awarded in the student's <b>third</b> full term, aligned with the standard scholarship and grant transmission schedule.</i>	USD \$1,000	Maintaining a minimum Term 2 GPA of 3.5 / 4.0 and full-time enrollment in a required academic term.

Disbursements are automatically applied as tuition credits to the student's account and are non-transferable, non-refundable, and hold no cash value.

The first USD \$1,000 will be credited to the student's account following the posting of Term 1 grades, provided the student:

1. achieves a minimum 3.5 / 4.0 Term 1 GPA,
2. remains enrolled full-time throughout Term 1, and
3. remains in good academic and disciplinary standing.

The second USD \$1,000 will be credited following the posting of Term 2 grades under the same conditions listed above. Failure to meet the eligibility criteria at either checkpoint results in forfeiture of the corresponding disbursement.

No cash refunds will be issued under any circumstances.

## Application Process

1. Applicants submit their completed program application through the FDU Vancouver online application portal.
2. Eligible students from Latin America are automatically considered for the scholarship; no separate application is required.
3. FDU Admissions will assess eligibility based on academic transcripts and credentials at the time of offer.
4. Recipients will be notified of the scholarship in their official Offer of Admission (LOO) and it will also be reflected in their Letter of Acceptance (LOA).

## Renewal and Continuation

This scholarship is non-renewable beyond the first academic year. However, continued strong academic performance may qualify for other institutional or merit-based awards offered at FDU Vancouver.

## Terms and Conditions

- Students must remain in good academic standing with no disciplinary actions for the first two terms of studies.
- Withdrawal, deferral, or reduction to part-time status may result in forfeiture of the scholarship. However, if a student needs to take a leave of absence during the first two terms for reasons unrelated to academic misconduct, malpractice, or performance issues, and continues to meet the GPA requirements, they will not be disqualified from the scholarship.
- The scholarship cannot be deferred to future intakes or combined with other institutional awards unless explicitly approved by the Admissions Office. However, recipients remain eligible for standard institutional grants that are offered universally each term—such as the Alumni Grant and GuardMe Grant—as these are available to all students and are not considered conflicting awards.
- Fairleigh Dickinson University reserves the right to modify, suspend, or discontinue the scholarship program at any time.

## Key Dates and Deadlines

Effective From	Summer 2026 Intake
Scholarship Notification	With Offer of Admission (LOO)

## **Contact Information**

### **FDU Vancouver Admissions & Recruitment**

- For questions about scholarship eligibility, application requirements, document submission, transfer credits, and general admissions inquiries, please email [vancouver@fdu.edu](mailto:vancouver@fdu.edu)

### **FDU Vancouver Enrollment Services**

- For questions related to tuition and billing, course registration, academic records, scholarship disbursements, and official documents, please email [esvancouver@fdu.edu](mailto:esvancouver@fdu.edu)

For general information, visit FDU Vancouver website at:

<https://www.fdu.edu/campuses/vancouver-campus/admissions/scholarships-aid/>

## **Policy Governance**

This policy is administered by the Office of Student Recruitment, Admissions, and Enrollment Services. The policy will be reviewed annually to ensure continued alignment with institutional priorities, market trends, and international recruitment objectives.

## **Appendix A: Term Definitions and Disbursement Timing Scenarios**

For the purpose of determining scholarship disbursement timing, the first two required academic terms are defined as the student's first two official, required terms of study. In most cases, these are Fall and Winter. The following scenarios illustrate how disbursement timing is applied:

- (I) **Students Beginning in Fall**
  - Term 1: Fall
  - Term 2: Winter
  - Disbursements issued in Winter (after Term 1) and Fall (after Term 2).
  - Disbursement issued after Term 1 is applied to Term 2 tuition, and the disbursement issued after Term 2 is applied to Term 3 tuition.
- (II) **Students Beginning in Winter**
  - Term 1: Winter
  - Term 2: Fall
  - Disbursements issued in Fall (after Term 1) and Winter (after Term 2).
  - Disbursement issued after Term 1 is applied to Term 2 tuition, and the disbursement issued after Term 2 is applied to Term 3 tuition.
- (III) **Students Beginning in Summer** (only where Summer is designated as the first required term)
  - Term 1: Summer
  - Term 2: Fall
  - Disbursements issued in Fall (after Term 1) and Winter (after Term 2).
  - Disbursement issued after Term 1 is applied to Term 2 tuition, and the disbursement issued after Term 2 is applied to Term 3 tuition.