

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

Responsible Office	Admissions	Effective Date	December 18, 2025
Effective For	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.

Eligibility criteria are determined by FDU Vancouver at the time of application.

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 registration of Term 1 and USD \$1,000 awarded after successful completion of Term 1, 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**
 - 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

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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's program.

b. Academic Achievement Requirements

- i. Present a minimum cumulative GPA 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 GPA of 3.5/4.0 during Term 1 to remain eligible for continued scholarship disbursement in Term 2.
- 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, 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 by the Executive Director of Operations.*

Funds Allocated to LATAM Graduate Achievement Scholarship

Central funds are allocated annually and administered to the LATAM Graduate Achievement Scholarship by FDUV's Controller. Wherever possible, allocation will be committed for multiple years.

Scholarship Disbursement Structure

Stage	Amount	Condition
At the beginning of the first academic term <i>• This disbursement will be awarded in the student's first full term, aligned with the standard scholarship and grant transmission schedule.</i>	USD \$1,000	Present a minimum cumulative GPA equivalent to 3.5/4.0 (U.S. scale) in any previously completed degree at the time of admission.

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After completion of the first academic term <i>• This disbursement will be awarded in the student's second 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.
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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 students' account following the registration of the first term.

1. The second USD \$1,000 will be credited following the posting of Term 1 grades, provided the student 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.

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. FDUV Admissions will assess eligibility based on academic transcripts and credentials at the time of offer and determine the final selection of scholarship recipients based on a predetermined budget and established selection criteria.
4. The list of eligible students will be reviewed by the FDUV Enrollment Services department to determine eligibility to receive the second disbursement based on a predetermined budget and established selection criteria.
5. Recipients will be notified of the scholarship in their official Offer of Admission (LOO) and Letter of Acceptance (LOA).

Renewal and Continuation

This scholarship is non-renewable beyond the first academic year.

Terms and Conditions

- Students must remain in good academic standing with no disciplinary actions for the first term of studies.
- Withdrawal, deferral, or reduction to part-time status may result in forfeiture of the scholarship. If a student receives approval for a leave of absence during the first term for reasons unrelated to

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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
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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

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

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 Fall (after registration for Term 1) and Winter (after Term 1).

Disbursement issued after registration for Term 1 is applied to Term 1 tuition, and the disbursement issued after Term 1 is applied to Term 2 tuition.

(II) Students Beginning in Winter

Term 1: Winter

Term 2: Fall

Disbursements issued in Winter (after registration for Term 1) and Fall (after Term 1).

Disbursement issued after registration for Term 1 is applied to Term 1 tuition, and the disbursement issued after Term 1 is applied to Term 2 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 Summer (after registration for Term 1) and Fall (after Term 1).

Disbursement issued after registration for Term 1 is applied to Term 1 tuition, and the disbursement issued after Term 1 is applied to Term 2 tuition.