Chief Minister Adam Giles and Minister for Women’s Policy Bess Price have congratulated the successful applicants of the Chief Minister’s Scholarships for Women.

Mr Giles said the scholarships provide Territory women experiencing economic, social, cultural or geographic disadvantage with support to study as a higher education student.

“The scholarships give Northern Territory women the opportunity to gain their first qualification in any chosen field and enhance their employment capability,” Mr Giles said.

“Each year we receive a high number of applicants, with 36 women previously awarded scholarships through this program and 62 Territory women applying this year.

“This Government continues to plan for Northern Australia development, and these scholarships are part of our efforts to increase the Northern Territory’s skills base.”

The successful applicants for this year’s Chief Minister’s Scholarships for Women are Ms Laura Wright, of Tennant Creek, for the Higher Education Scholarship; Ms Joanne Scott, of Humpty Doo, for a VET Scholarship; and Ms Jane Wairimu, of Nightcliff, for a VET Scholarship.

Minister for Women’s Policy Bess Price said this is a fantastic opportunity for the successful applicants to study full or part time in the Territory.

“Charles Darwin University Scholarships Program administers the scholarships, with the Northern Territory Government committing $20,200 towards this initiative,” Mrs Price said.

“The scholarships not only provide significant financial assistance, but are a big push in the right direction for gender equality and women’s prosperity in employment and independence.”

The scholarships include:
- A $15 000 scholarship plus $1200 towards a laptop computer for a higher education student studying at Charles Darwin University, including at the Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Education.
- 2 x $2000 scholarships for Vocational Education and Training students studying at Charles Darwin University or at the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary education.

“I would like to congratulate the three women who had successful applications, and wish you all the best with your studies,” Mrs Price said.

For more information, including application requirements visit http://www.cdu.edu.au/scholarships

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