

2026 Tailored Study Abroad Programs

A guide for ECU partners



Creative
thinkers
made here.

Welcome to Edith Cowan University

We warmly welcome and value the diversity that international students bring to Edith Cowan University (ECU) as we teach, develop and nurture Creative Thinkers.

ECU's bespoke short-term programs provide enriching experiences for international students. Study Abroad is not just about academic accomplishments, it is also about experiencing Australian culture and learning through social and cultural engagement. We have an extensive network of ECU student volunteers from diverse backgrounds that partner with incoming groups, creating opportunities for significant cross-cultural networking and exchange. Over the past 10 years, our Study Abroad programs have attracted over 1,700 students who have completed a tailored program with ECU and returned to their home university.

Tailored Study Abroad programs will be an important part of future student mobility opportunities to ensure we are educating global citizens who will help to develop creative solutions to complex problems.

ECU is an established Australian leader in the delivery of high-quality teaching, with graduates rating us 5 stars in the Good Universities Guide for 18 straight years and we're also one of Australia's best universities for student support and the overall experience of our students – including international students.

We invite you to join us on this journey and become a valued partner and member of the ECU community.

Jake Garman
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)



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At ECU, we recognise and respect the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' communities, cultures and histories.

We also acknowledge and respect the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our campuses are located.



Read more – ecu.edu.au/about-ecu/indigenous-matters

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information in this publication is correct at the time of production.

Edith Cowan is an Australian icon

ECU is the only Australian university named after a woman – and what a woman she was!

Edith Cowan (OBE) achieved so much in her life, and in a world that didn't pay attention to the opinions of women.

The first woman elected to an Australian Parliament, Edith believed that education was fundamental to tackling social issues and was the key to growth, change and improvement.

She influenced the course of education in Australia, paving the way for many people to access education they could only previously dream of.

Like our university, Edith also believed strongly in the values of inclusion and equity. She fought hard to improve conditions for women, children, families, the poor, the under-educated and the elderly.



Tailored Study Abroad at ECU

ECU has extensive experience building Tailored Study Abroad Programs to enable its partners to meet specific cohort needs.

In the next couple of years, well over 2,000 international students will have completed one of our tailored programs. We are ambitious in this space and we do it well.

Our core 13-week program model includes English, academic, social and cultural components. Whilst we tailor the program in consultation with you, our expertise ranges from 15 students in a program, to over 100. As such, we have developed each component to provide the necessary English support, and academic rigour, which we understand is important to our partners and students alike.

In 2026, we will also continue to offer the postgraduate research program in ECU's Tailored Study Abroad Program, to complement our undergraduate offering.

The all-inclusive fee per student for our Tailored Study Abroad Program is A\$9,500. Whilst this is for a minimum cohort of 15, we look to be guided by our partners for their maximum cohort number.

This comprehensive price includes:

- Formal pre-departure and orientation sessions (with home-language support where possible)
- Airport transfers (pick-up and drop-off)
- Welcome and farewell lunch or dinner
- Welcome and farewell VIP ceremonies
- 5 weeks of English language studies
- 7 weeks of academic studies (undergraduate or postgraduate)
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
- ECU's Experiencing Australia Program, a social and cultural component including:
 - A Buddy Ambassador program, partnering participants with ECU student volunteers
 - 3 on-campus activities, such as quiz and movie nights
 - 3 off-campus excursions to iconic Perth locations
 - Weekly student integration initiatives, offered via the Student Guild
- Participation certificate and official ECU transcript



ECU Study Abroad students learning about Indigenous culture as part of the Experiencing Australia Program



2026 Tailored Study
Abroad fee per student:

A\$9,500

Why study at ECU?

Edith Cowan University, or ECU, is the youngest of the five universities in Western Australia. And like the youngest in any family, we're on a mission to be noticed!

We are rated one of the world's best young universities under 50 years old.

And we've already set a standard for the quality of university teaching in Australia, being rated 5 stars in the Good Universities Guide for 18 straight years!

Speaking of high standards, you won't find better support services to help you navigate your studies and adjust to your new home than at ECU! We put our students first.



Get career ready while you study

During your studies, we'll help you build your personal brand to prepare you for a new career.



Learn with leaders

As a student, you'll benefit from the expertise and industry experience of our world-class researchers and teaching academics.



Become a creative thinker

Creative thinking is a skill that's highly valued by employers and we'll help you make it your superpower.



Join our international community

Make new friends with students who've come to Perth from over 100 countries around the world.



Know you'll be supported

We'll help you adjust to your new life as a student, whatever your study or personal challenges.



Feel right at home on campus

Your uni experience is made even better at one of our safe and welcoming campuses, where you'll have loads of modern facilities and cool study spaces.

Moving up in the world rankings

ECU is ranked in the world's top 400 universities.

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings lists the best universities based on their performance in teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

We're also in the Times Higher Education world's top 100 young universities under 50 years old. This rates us highly on aspects like teaching, research, citations, international outlook and industry income.



ECU is one of the best universities in Australia



Highest quality teaching

We're one of Australia's best universities for teaching. For 18 straight years, our graduates have rated the quality of our teaching 5 stars in the Good Universities Guide.



Legendary student support

Studying in another country can be challenging for many people. But at ECU, we help you overcome any academic or personal challenges through our many support services.



Best overall experience

At ECU, we encourage you to enrich your life with student clubs, sports teams, volunteering opportunities and more. In fact, ECU graduates have rated us the top public university in Australia for their overall experience as an undergraduate (QILT SES 2023).



Read more about our reputation for quality education – ecu.edu.au/5star

Program at a glance

The Tailored Study Abroad program includes a well-considered combination of English language studies, academic modules, and the award-winning Experiencing Australia Program (EAP).

Whilst the program starts with English classes and is followed by the academic modules, the EAP runs throughout the entire course.

The example below gives you an idea about how the program will run. However, ECU is flexible with the program dates, so chat to us today about the time frame you are seeking.

Month	Week	Content	Monday	Friday	Experiencing Australia Program
		Arrival March 8, 2026: Airport pick-up, accommodation check-in			
March	1	English classes	9-Mar	13-Mar	Perth City and Kings Park
	2	English classes	16-Mar	20-Mar	
	3	English classes	23-Mar	27-Mar	Caversham Wildlife Park
	4	English classes	30-Mar	3-Apr	
April	5	English classes	6-Apr	10-Apr	On-campus movie night
	6	Term Break	13-Apr	17-Apr	
	7	Academic Modules	20-Apr	24-Apr	Joondalup campus tour
	8	Academic Modules	27-Apr	1-May	
May	9	Academic Modules	4-May	8-May	Scarborough Beach and Hillarys Boat Harbour
	10	Academic Modules	11-May	15-May	
	11	Academic Modules	18-May	22-May	On-campus quiz night
	12	Academic Modules	25-May	29-May	
	13	Academic Modules	1-Jun	5-Jun	Farewell ceremony
June		Departure June 6, 2026: Accommodation check-out and airport drop-off			



Students at ECU
Joondalup campus

English studies with Edith Cowan College



The 2026 Tailored Study Abroad Program starts with a 5-week English component, which is generally delivered in partnership with our pathway partner, Edith Cowan College (ECC).

ECC is renowned for its excellent teaching staff, high-quality learning, and outstanding facilities. These classes provide an intensive but fun preparation for each student’s academic modules, which start from week seven of the program.

Conveniently located opposite the ECU Joondalup Campus, students will undertake studies to improve their English with a focus on Speaking and Listening. Based on the ‘Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching and Assessment’ the unit focuses on a key set of English language competencies that will enable students to engage in academic activity in an English language environment.

The following table is an example of the study schedule across this 5-week component:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday*	Thursday	Friday
8.30am-10.30am	Classes		Optional workshops, EAP activities and free time	Classes	
10.30am-11.00am	Break			Break	
11.00am-12.30pm	Classes			Classes	
12.30pm-1.00pm	Lunch			Lunch	
1.00pm-2.30pm	Classes			Classes	

This program schedule is an example only

* On Wednesdays there are no formal classes. Some weeks there will be optional English language workshops, and some Wednesdays are booked for the Experiencing Australia Program (EAP), which will include interaction with other ECU students and various leisure activities to enhance your experience and knowledge of Australia and its culture.



Buddy Ambassadors with international students at Joondalup campus

Academic Modules

The 7-week academic component of ECU's 2026 Tailored Study Abroad Program is designed to provide a global context for students to apply to their overall degree studies. Some of the available units are outlined below, and in collaboration with our partner can be built into an undergraduate or postgraduate research program.

The Undergraduate program is 45 Credit Points (22.5 ECTS*) and is made up of: 1x15CP English unit, 1x15CP academic unit and 2 x 7.5 CP academic units.

Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Program Units

Media and Society (15CP/7.5ECTS)

This unit explores ways in which media influences our interpretation of the world and our place in it. The unit focuses on the ways in which ideas are constructed and communicated and promote dominant cultural values. Learning will be applied to the production of narrative video as a communications medium.

International Studies (Discipline)

(15CP/7.5ECTS)

This unit will provide students with authentic insights into the ways in which their discipline is undertaken in an Australian context through industry lectures, site visits and other discipline engagement. Students will undertake a specialist program that enables them to understand and critically evaluate how cultural factors influence the ways disciplines are approached in different global contexts.

Creativity and Design

(7.5CP/3.75ECTS)

This unit offers students an introduction to a range of issues in the Creativity and Design space, which have Australian and global relevance. They will explore creativity as an essential human pursuit and the techniques that can be implemented to enhance everyday creativity. Design is introduced as a means of instantiating creativity into products that are both original and useful.



“This experience made me more confident, open-minded, and inspired to continue learning from the world.”

Mengyao Zhang

ZJNU Study Abroad Program

International Relations

(7.5CP/3.75ECTS)

In this unit, students examine issues relating to international relations and the way these issues are currently discussed and presented in contemporary media and social environments. Students are introduced to techniques and practices that develop confident and engaging speakers, who are able to present on the issues relating to international relations in English.

*ECTS is the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

Business Stream Undergraduate Program Units

Business Entrepreneurship

(15CP/7.5ECTS)

This unit is designed to provide business-minded students with the foundational knowledge and practical skills needed to thrive in the world of entrepreneurship. Whether dreaming of launching a startup, leading innovation within an existing organisation, or simply wanting to develop an entrepreneurial mindset, this unit will provide students with the tools, confidence and inspiration to succeed.

Intercultural Communication in Business

(7.5CP/3.75ECTS)

This unit examines issues relating to international communication and the way communication challenges can affect business. It explores the dynamics of intercultural communication in diverse business settings, equipping students with the knowledge and skills to navigate cultural differences and build strong relationships with colleagues, clients, and partners from around the world.

Business Marketing and Social Media

(7.5CP/3.75ECTS)

This unit represents a comprehensive introduction to the principles and practices of marketing and social media. It equips students from a variety of business specialisations with a solid understanding of core marketing concepts, application in today's digital landscape and the differences between cultures.





Students at ECU Joondalup campus

Postgraduate Research Program Units

**The Postgraduate program is 45 Credit Points (22.5 ECTS) and is made up of:
1x15CP English unit, 2x15CP Research units.**

Research Design (15CP/7.5ECTS)

This unit develops students' knowledge and skills in undertaking a master by research or PhD. Topics include qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods research, data collection and analysis techniques, and tools for thinking critically about research.

Research Writing (15CP/7.5ECTS)

This unit develops students' abilities to effectively communicate their research in writing. It provides an understanding of the practice of research writing, and focuses on critical reading and writing, use of evidence and argument, and structuring research writing.

Research Communication

(15CP/7.5ECTS)

This unit provides students with skills to effectively present their research to different audiences (academic, government, and general population) and in different situations (conferences, elevator pitch, and social media). The unit develops an understanding of research application, impact and engagement, and helps students develop appropriate communication strategies to 'tell their research story'.

Experiencing Australia Program

Every Tailored Study Abroad Program includes ECU's award-winning Experiencing Australia Program (EAP), which focuses on experiential learning through social and cultural engagement. The EAP includes Buddy Ambassador support, which links ECU student volunteers and Study Abroad students.

Together, they attend off-campus events to iconic Perth locations, as well as additional on-campus activities, like movie nights, quizzes and festivals. Their interactions throughout the EAP build relationships that further student success, as program participants become part of the university and wider community. Some of our off-campus activities are included below.



Kings Park

One of the largest inner city parks in the world and home to the spectacular Western Australian Botanic Garden.



Elizabeth Quay

Our students love visiting Elizabeth Quay and it's the perfect basepoint to start a walking tour of our warm, vibrant, friendly city.



Scarborough Beach

Scarborough Beach is located along Perth's exquisite beachline, and has a thriving restaurant and café scene, making it an ideal activity in our warmer months.



Caversham Wildlife Park

Caversham Wildlife Park is a student favourite. It showcases Australia's native wildlife, including kangaroos, koalas, dingos, reptiles and wombats.

Accommodation

Partners are encouraged to research and identify suitable accommodation in Perth early in their planning for a Study Abroad program as accommodation demand is high. Our campuses are all conveniently accessible by public transport.

Below are some Perth properties, all pricing is indicative and subject to availability. The International Office can facilitate determining availability at the below properties but partners are encouraged to also consider other options including homestays with a family or private self-catered options and are not restricted to the below:

Campus Living Village @ ECU

ECU Villages offer convenient accommodation with furnished apartments. Rates include utilities, laundry, BBQ area, sports facilities and recreation areas. Accommodation starts at A\$335 per person/week for a 5-bedroom or 6-bedroom shared apartment.

→ For pricing and availability – campuslivingvillages.com

Campus Perth

Campus Perth is a modern student co-living hub in Perth's city centre. It offers furnished private studios as well as shared rooms with amenities such as communal kitchens, a gym, and co-working and study areas.

→ For pricing and availability – campusperth.com

Beatty Lodge

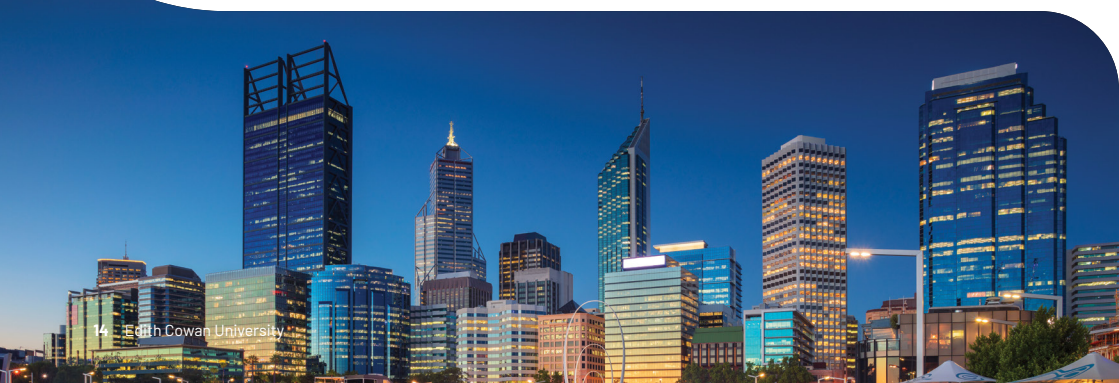
Beatty Lodge offers budget-friendly accommodation located in West Perth. It offers a range of room types including private and shared options, with facilities such as a swimming pool, gym, and communal kitchen.

→ For pricing and availability – beattylodge.com.au

Quest Joondalup

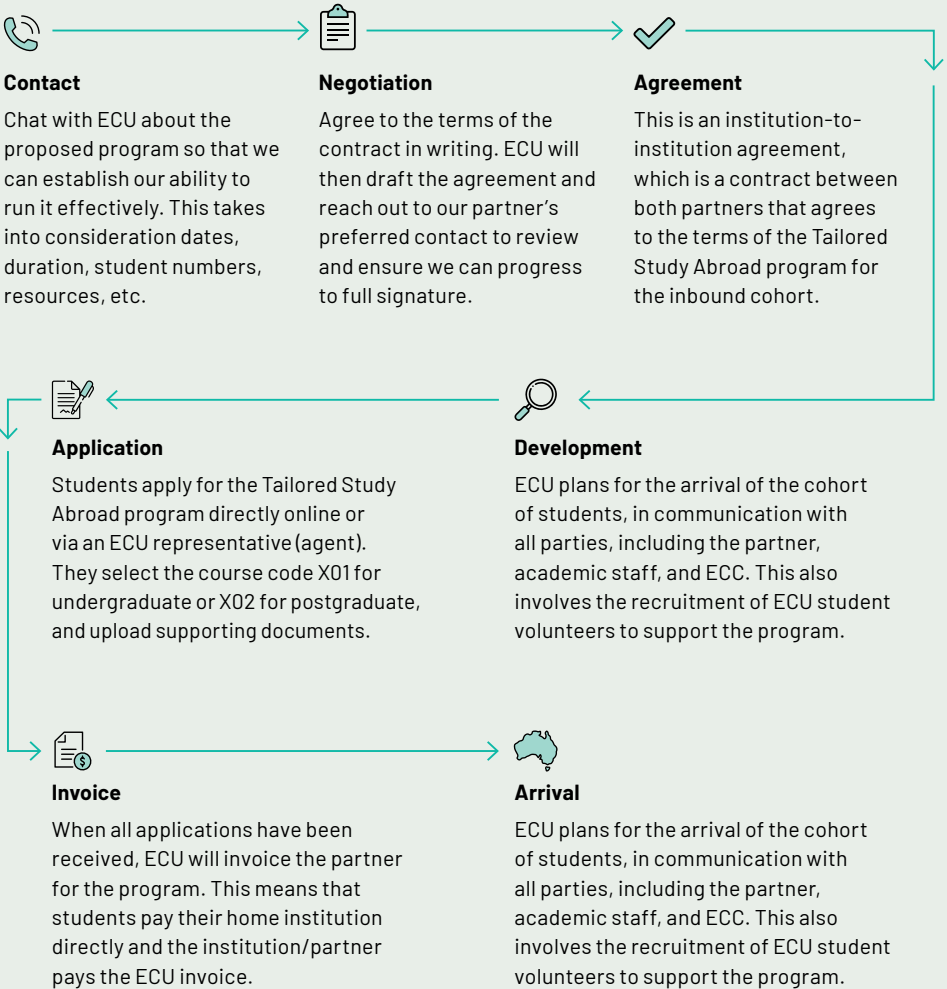
Quest Joondalup is a serviced apartment hotel in Perth's northern suburbs, offering studios as well as 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. It offers an in-house gym, an outdoor BBQ area, conference facilities, and many more amenities.

→ For pricing and availability – questapartments.com.au



The ECU Partner Journey

See below for the Tailored Study Abroad Program partner journey, which reflects the process we undertake to realise the full potential of an ECU-partner program, from first contact to the students' safe arrival. Contact us today at international.office@ecu.edu.au



Hear from ECU partners



Dr Tomonari Yashiro
President, Tokyo City University

Tokyo City University (TCU) has been collaborating with ECU since 2015. At TCU, our vision was always clear: to significantly increase overseas academic opportunities for our students. ECU met this with equal ambition and together we built the Tokyo City University Australia Study Abroad Program, which has given almost 1600 TCU students a tailored international study experience.

The specialised program offers a carefully balanced mix of English, Academic, and Social & Cultural components. Our students learn English alongside other international cohorts; they complete academic classes that are credited to their Japanese degree and they have the opportunity to integrate with ECU students through the Experiencing Australia Buddy Ambassador Program.



Prof. Dr. Qiu Limin
President, Zhejiang Normal University

Zhejiang Normal University (ZJNU) has been collaborating with ECU since 2002. During this time, our collaboration has flourished and our institutions have cultivated a dynamic and proactive collaborative environment, marked by a wide array of programs. These initiatives encompass valuable student exchanges and dual degree programs across various fields, creating a diverse and enriching educational experience for our students.

ZJNU students undertook Tailored Study Abroad programs at ECU in 2018, 2019, 2024 and again in 2025. These 3-month programs gave the students an opportunity to improve their English language skills through English classes and academic units, while learning about Australian society and culture with ECU student volunteers through the social and cultural program.

As we reflect on our partnership's achievements, we are enthusiastic about the prospect of continuing our fruitful collaboration. We look forward to further expanding our international engagement in the realm of partnerships.

Where will you study?

ECU has three campuses in Western Australia, located across Whadjuk and Wardandi land. Each has modern facilities, including wireless internet, 24-hour access to computer labs, libraries with open study spaces and a safe environment for you to study in – either alone or with other students.



ECU City

Located in the heart of the Perth CBD, between the business, entertainment and cultural precincts, our new campus integrates with the Perth Busport.

ECU City will be unique among Australian university campuses, with next-generation technology and learning spaces that will encourage creative thinking and collaboration.

The campus will be home to the world-renowned Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, along with creative humanities studies in communication, design, broadcasting, and screen production, plus business, law and technology courses.



ECU Joondalup

The campus is only 25km north of Perth and a short walk or bus ride from the Joondalup Train Station and Lakeside Joondalup, one of the largest shopping centres in WA.

Joondalup Campus features award-winning architecture, cafés, a bar, an outdoor cinema, a lake and loads of trees and green spaces for study.

Here, you can study teacher education, engineering, psychology, nursing, medical and health sciences, cybersecurity and other science-related courses.



ECU South West

Located two hours' drive south of Perth, ECU South West in Bunbury is the largest university campus in regional Western Australia.

Here, you can expect small, personalised class sizes and courses in commerce, science, health science, nursing, social work and teacher education.

The campus features a café, crèche facilities, multi-purpose sports courts, and a library with 24-hour access to a computer lab.

Life as a student

It doesn't matter if you've just left high school or you haven't been a student for a few years, studying at university is a whole new world.

The good news is, no matter what your study challenges, we're ready to help you succeed.

Adjusting to study whatever your situation

At ECU, we'll support you through your studies whatever your personal circumstances.

Our Access and Inclusion team will work with you to identify reasonable adjustments to your study and uni life.

This includes if you have a medical condition or disability or have responsibilities for caring for a family member in a similar situation. It might also include ensuring you can continue to observe any cultural or religious practices.

Adjusting to academic life

Learning at university can be a bit daunting to begin with, but we've got you covered whatever help you need.

That includes help with preparing assignments, help with researching or referencing, help with online study and loads more. You can even get a peer leader in your first semester!

Free counselling service

If you need to discuss any personal issues that may be affecting your ability to study, we have a free, professional and confidential counselling service.

Career advice and job skills

You can get support and resources to help you plan your future career, as well as find work or volunteering experience while you're a student.

This includes career-based workshops, industry events, one-to-one career advice and more.

Student health services

The ECU campus at Joondalup has student health centres with doctors (GPs), and nurses to assist students if they need them. The services are covered by Medicare or Overseas Student Health Funds so most visits are free or low cost.

Sport and fitness

Staying active can help sharpen your mind and reduce the stress of assignments and exams.

ECU has fantastic sport and fitness facilities, designed to support your health and wellbeing. You can also join group fitness classes tailored for everyone, or drop into fun social sports and competitive representative events.

Childcare for parents

If you're a student with children, our campuses provide short term care (Crèche) and long term care (Day Care) at select locations.

Wellbeing and mental health

The Living Room is a safe and inclusive space where you can drop in to have a relaxed chat with a trained peer who understands the journey you are going on as a student.

ECU Student Guild

The ECU Student Guild organises regular social events on campus and supports the many student clubs at ECU. Joining a club is a great way to meet new people and enhance your university experience. Best of all, Guild membership is free for all students!

→ For more information – ecuguild.org.au

ECU's International Café

ECU invites international students to come along and share a coffee or afternoon tea, while learning about living and studying in Australia at International Café. Each week you will meet international students who have been in your shoes.




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