

International Student Guide



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thinkers
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2026

About ECU

Edith Cowan University, or ECU, is the youngest of the five universities in Western Australia (WA). 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.



For more information, visit – ecu.edu.au/international



Why study at ECU?

Here are some more reasons to choose ECU for your university experience.



Get career ready while you study

During your studies, we'll help you build your personal brand to prepare you for a new or improved future 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

Problem solving and creative thinking skills are highly valued by employers around the world, and we'll help you make this your superpower.



Join our international community

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



Get practical experience outside the classroom

You'll quickly turn theory into practice with work experience opportunities like internships, practicum placements and other work integrated learning.



Feel right at home on campus

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



Grow your professional network

You'll have opportunities to make new contacts and connections thanks to many of our industry partners.



Know you'll be supported

We have a great reputation for student support and will help you adjust to your new life here, whatever your study or personal challenges.



Transferable qualifications

ECU degrees are internationally-recognised and many of our courses are professionally-accredited by national and international professional bodies and organisations.

What that means is your ECU qualification will help you find work around the world, including in your home country.

Create your own ECU e-Guide

Tell us a little about yourself and we'll email your personalised guide with the information you need.



1

Select your course

Choose up to three options.

2

Add extra information

Select more information about Perth and ECU.

3

Complete your guide

Add your contact details and we'll email your guide.

ECU Campuses

ECU has three campuses in Western Australia with our new campus due to open in the heart of Perth in 2026.

All our campuses are easily accessible by public transport and are home to state of the art facilities, providing students with hands-on learning opportunities.

ECU City

ECU City represents the future of university education – a place where technology, industry and creativity meet to deliver the creative thinkers the world needs.

Located at the heart of Perth's commercial, cultural and entertainment districts, ECU City will feature state-of-the-art spaces for study and collaboration, cutting-edge learning and technology facilities, and world-leading performance venues.

ECU City will open to students from semester one, 2026.

Find out more –
ecu.edu.au/degrees/ecu-city



How to Apply

Apply direct to us or via an ECU authorised agent depending upon your home country. See our website for instructions on how to apply, including important dates.



See our website on how to apply – ecu.edu.au/apply



Courses you can study

If you're not sure what you want to study yet, start by exploring our eight study areas. Study areas include disciplines that will help you match a course to your career aspirations.

All of our undergraduate and postgraduate courses are listed on our website under the study areas below.

- Arts & Humanities
- Business & Law
- Engineering & Technology
- Medical & Health Sciences
- Nursing & Midwifery
- Science
- Teacher Education
- Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA)



Explore the study areas – ecu.edu.au/degrees/study-areas



ECU Scholarships

ECU has a range of scholarships that are offered exclusively to international students commencing study.

They provide financial assistance to help with the cost of tuition, fees, textbooks and other living expenses.

Your academic scholarship eligibility is automatically assessed by our Admissions team when you submit your application to study at ECU.



For full details on ECU scholarships and terms and conditions, visit – ecu.edu.au/scholarships/offers



ECU is one of the best universities in Australia

ECU is consistently rated highly by its graduates, especially when it comes to the quality of our teaching and learning. We're also one of the world's best young universities.



World University Rankings
2025 **TOP 400**



World University Rankings
Young
2024 **TOP 100**



For more information, visit – ecu.edu.au/5star



Why study in Perth, Western Australia?

With a high standard of living, Perth is a vibrant, sophisticated and safe city that is regularly rated among the top cities in the world for liveability.

The mild Mediterranean climate, endless blue skies, fresh air and brilliant white beaches are hard to beat!

In fact, Perth offers such an attractive lifestyle that students consistently rank it as a desirable study destination (Source: QS Best Student Cities 2025).



Cost of living

Perth has been consistently rated as one of the top fifteen most liveable cities in the world for over 15 years (source: The Global Liveability Index 2024).

Even better, day-to-day living costs in Perth for international students are lower than some of the other major cities in Australia (and worldwide), making it one of the most affordable destinations to study in (source: StudyPerth).



Climate

Perth has a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters. It is the sunniest capital city in Australia with clear blue skies an incredible 70% of the year!

Our warm weather and clean air allow us to enjoy a year-round outdoor lifestyle as we make the most of our state's natural beauty.



Diversity

Communities from around the world call Perth their home, with people from more than 200 different countries living, working and studying in Western Australia.

They speak as many as 240 languages and dialects and represent more than 100 religions.



Convenience & transport

Perth offers convenience and connection with an expansive public transport network that includes buses, trains and ferries. Bus and train stations are conveniently located near our campuses, making transport to and from your studies quick, easy and affordable.



Support services available through StudyPerth



StudyPerth offers a variety of free support services for international students to help them every step of the way. The aim of StudyPerth is to provide students with resources to help them settle in their new home and connect students with the various support services available to them.



StudyPerth –
www.studyperth.com.au



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