



Global Delivery Partnerships with ECU



Welcome to Edith Cowan University



We're a university that values our international partnerships.

In fact, we partner with more than 100 universities and education institutions in over 30 countries.

Whether it's to deliver our courses offshore, facilitate student or staff exchanges, provide dual degree programs, teach our courses in other institutions or to initiate research collaboration, we're open to possibilities.



At ECU, we believe that human creativity, combined with the inspiration of learning, has the power to transform lives and to create a better world.

We prepare our students by teaching them the skills sought by industries and employers worldwide, such as creative thinking and problem-solving. We encourage positive mindsets where problems are seen as opportunities.

We're also an established Australian leader in the delivery of quality teaching, student support and the overall education experience of our domestic and international students.

High quality teaching is integral to ECU's values. It's why our graduates have rated us 5 stars for 19 straight years in the Good Universities Guide.

This brochure is an overview of what we stand for, where we're going and why you might want to talk to us about becoming a partner.

We look forward to hearing from you and discussing how you could become a valued member of the ECU community.

Jake Garman
Deputy Vice Chancellor (International)

Our story

ECU is named after one of Australia's most inspiring women.

Edith Cowan OBE is an Australian icon. She believed that education was fundamental to tackling social issues and was the key to growth, change and improvement.

Edith influenced the course of education in Australia, paving the way for many people to access education they could only previously dream of. She was also the first woman elected to an Australian Parliament. So when we opened our doors as a university in 1991, we proudly introduced ourselves as 'Edith Cowan University'.

But we didn't just acquire Edith's name; we embraced her values and her vision. For example, we champion inclusion and equity – everyone is welcome here, however diverse their background. And when someone becomes an ECU student, we support them through dedicated systems and staff, especially those experiencing personal or academic challenges.

Our teaching staff actively engage with their students, prioritising their learning experience and setting thought-provoking assessments that provide intellectual stimulation.

Diversity is a theme that equally applies to what we teach. Here, our students are educated in a variety of disciplines across eight teaching schools. This includes everything from the world-renowned Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts to a national Cyber Security Centre of Excellence to state-of-the-art health sciences, nursing and engineering programs.

We also take great pride in being the educators of future educators through our leading teacher education studies. And we offer contemporary courses in business, law, the creative arts and social sciences.

Right now, we're writing a new story. It's about a university of the future. One that will transform our city of Perth and create new ways of learning and opportunities that Edith Cowan could never have dreamed of.



Significant achievements

Regularly confirmed as one of the world's best young universities, ECU continues to set high standards for teaching and the educational experience of students while pursuing new and innovative ways to deliver on this.

ECU has been an Australian leader in university teaching for many years, as confirmed by these recent 5-star ratings in the Australian edition of the Good Universities Guide. Teaching quality has been rated 5 stars for an impressive 19 straight years by our graduates



Teaching Quality



Learning Resources



Skills Development



Student Support

Top 15 in Australian universities

ECU has been ranked in the top 15 best overall universities in Australia by the Australian Financial Review for 2025.

Rankings are based on 5 categories: student satisfaction, research performance, global reputation, career impact and equity and access.

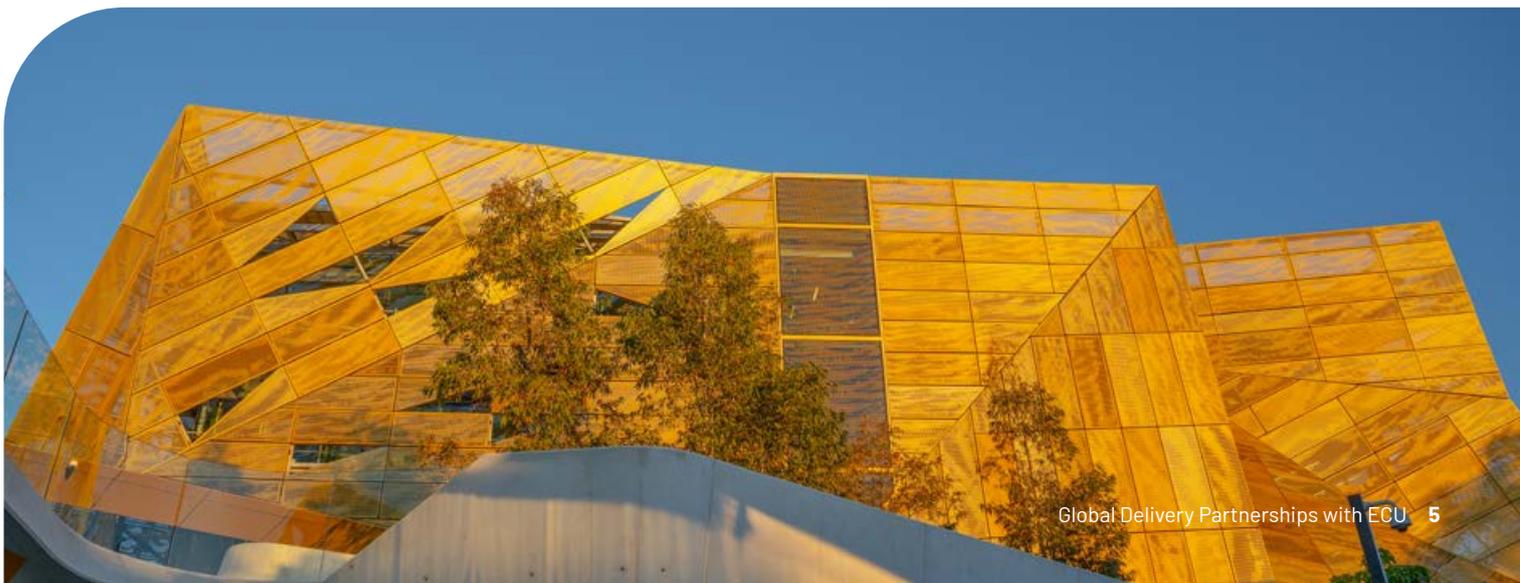
 Read more – ecu.edu.au/newsroom/articles/news/ecu-tops-wa-and-ranks-second-nationally-for-teaching-excellence

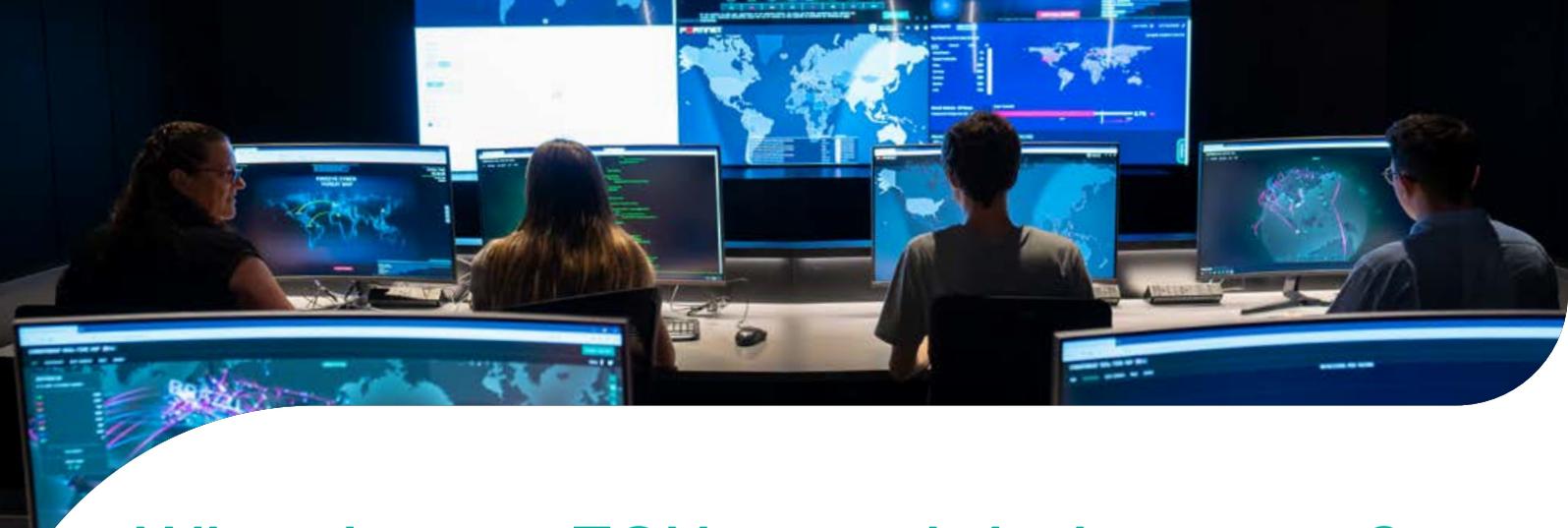
World's Top 100 Young Universities

ECU turned 33 years old in 2024 and was again ranked in the Times Higher Education Young University Top 100 Rankings with an improved position on 2022 and 2023.

The world's best universities aged 50 years old or younger are judged across these core missions to provide the most comprehensive and balanced comparisons available.

- teaching
- research strength, excellence and influence
- research citing in patents
- knowledge transfer
- international outlook
- extent of domestic students studying abroad





Why choose ECU as a global partner?

For more than 20 years, ECU has forged many successful partnerships with fellow educators around the world.

These partnerships have taken many forms - from establishing ECU's first overseas branch campus in Sri Lanka, to delivering programs across Asia, facilitating student mobility initiatives, and launching an extensive dual degree program. Here are some examples from around the world.

Delivering our courses in other countries

ECU is experienced in delivering our degree programs across many international regions, including Southeast Asia, East Asia, South Asia, the United Arab Emirates, and Africa.

China

An ECU-designed Master of Education (Educational Leadership) course has been delivered for over 20 years through Zhejiang Normal University, graduating more than 1,000 education leaders, many of whom have taken senior management positions across schools, universities, and government agencies in China.

The joint undergraduate program in Environmental Management with Beijing University of Agriculture has been successfully running since 2012, with over 250 students successfully graduating from the program to date. ECU also runs joint programs in Media and Communications in partnership with Zhengzhou University of Technology.

Vietnam

ECU in partnership with Ho Chi Minh City Open University has delivered the the ECU Master of Education (TESOL) in Vietnam since 2016. The program is delivered in intensive teaching blocks to cater for students with full-time work commitments.

Singapore

PSB Academy has partnered with ECU since 2018 and now offers the Bachelor of Science (Exercise and Sports Science) degree in Singapore.

Launching in 2025, the Bachelor of Science (Nursing Studies) will be delivered through a strategic partnership between ECU and CSM Academy International in Singapore. This program is registered with the Singapore Nursing Board (SNB).

→ Find out more about ECU's Transnational Education partnerships – ecu.edu.au/centres/international-office/our-services/international-relations/study-offshore

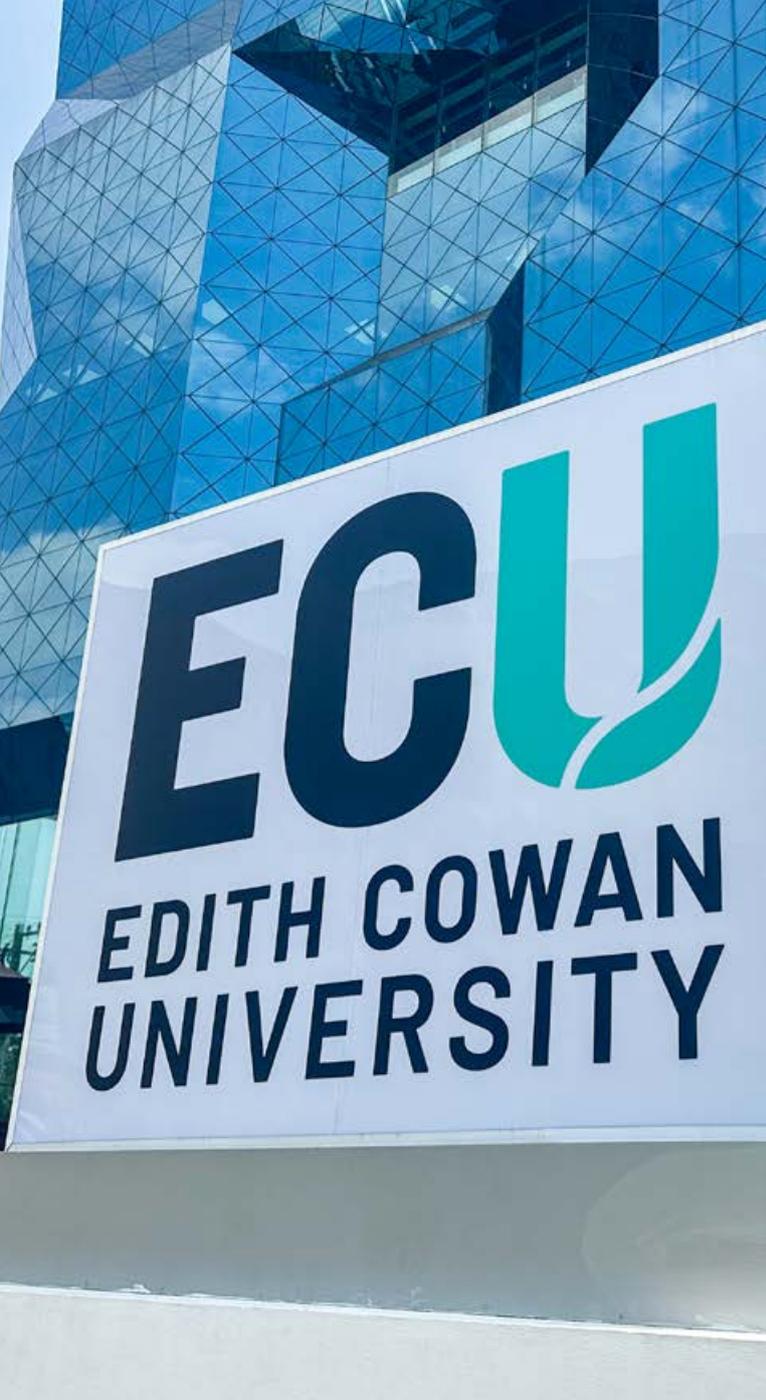
Japan

ECU has pioneered the largest mobility program of its kind in Australia through a partnership with Tokyo City University (TCU). TCU students undertake English classes, tailored academic content and social programs and are introduced to Australian life and culture.

This innovative program is also supported by ECU student volunteers, who gain valuable intercultural skills and on-campus international experience.

Since 2016, over 500 students have successfully completed the semester length program at ECU.

ECU has also developed a new Master of Environmental Studies degree in partnership with TCU to prepare students of both universities to explore global environmental problems and to contribute to a sustainable society. Students enrolling in this course from either university will spend one semester of study at the partner institution.



International Branch Campus

ECU Sri Lanka

ECU's Sri Lanka campus is the first full international university branch campus in Sri Lanka with world-class facilities to provide a standard of learning equivalent to any in Australia.

Unlike any other foreign university offerings in Sri Lanka, it provides full three-year degree programs, enabling students to enter university study from first year. The campus has capacity for approximately 2,500 students and includes biomedical laboratories, engineering laboratories, computer laboratories, digital hub, library, flexible learning spaces and informal dedicated student spaces, including a café.

Students can study a diverse range of degrees, including Commerce, Computer Science, Cyber Security, Biomedical Science, Electrical Engineering, Psychology and Design. The Bachelor of Communications will be the first new course launched in 2026, with additional offerings to be announced in due course.

Students have the flexibility to complete their entire degree program in Sri Lanka or transfer to Australia to complete their studies and gain international exposure.

→ Find out more about ECU's Sri Lanka Campus – ecu.edu.lk

Dual Degrees

ECU has developed an innovative dual degree program with the University of Portsmouth that enables students from both universities the opportunity to complete dual degrees by studying at both universities for up to 4 years.

The two universities have drawn on their individual strengths to create unique courses where students benefit from not only experiencing their subject area in different parts of the world, but also learning with experts at both institutions.

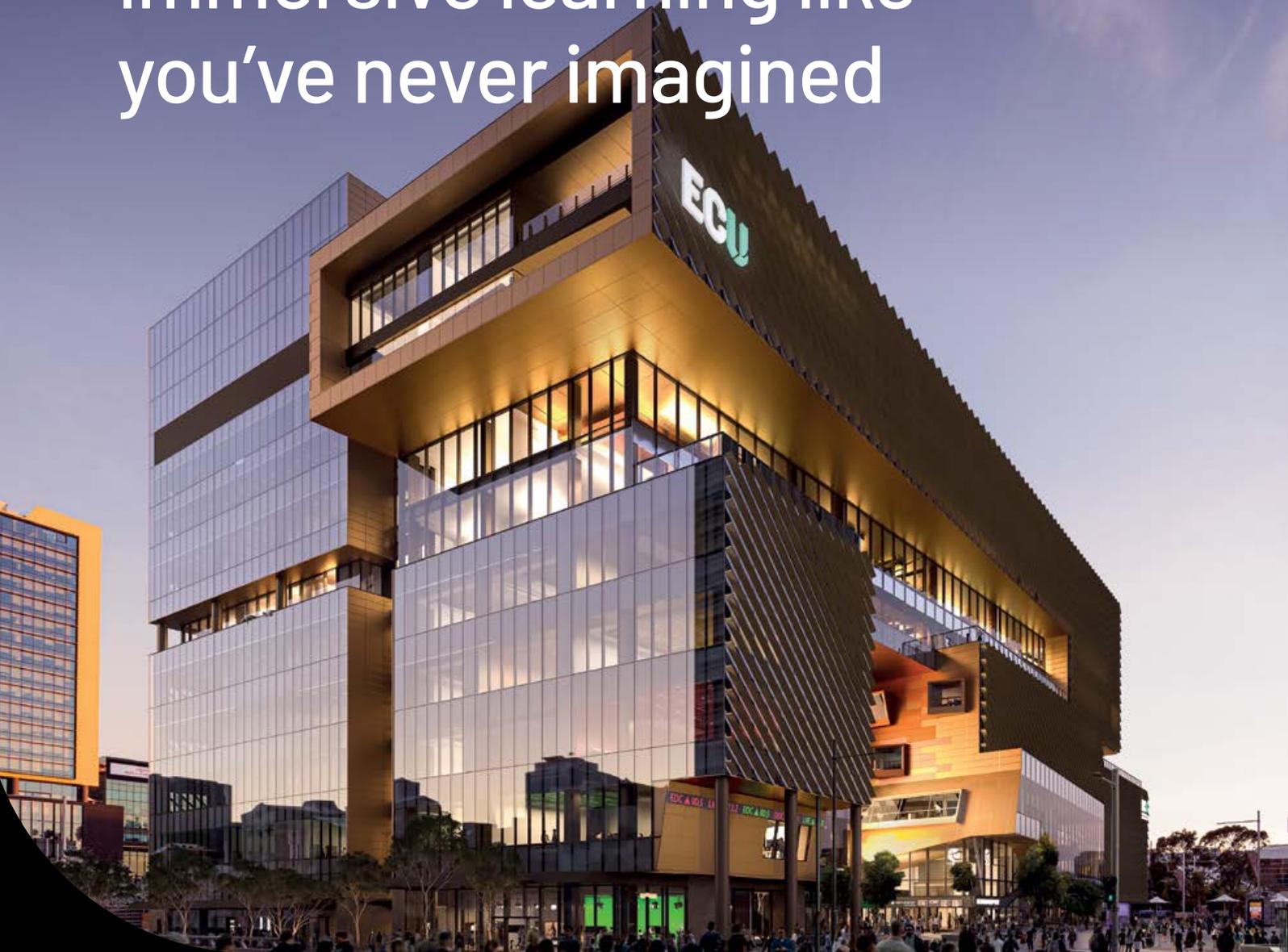
Apart from a chance to expand their life experience and travel and live overseas, students are also awarded two separate degrees in a shorter time than it would take to complete the two degrees consecutively.

More courses are being explored by both partners and these will be released over time.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/degrees/university-of-portsmouth



Immersive learning like you've never imagined



The heart of Perth's commercial, cultural and entertainment districts has been transformed by a university campus that's unique in Australia.

ECU City is equipped with the most digitally advanced facilities in the Southern Hemisphere, with state-of-the-art learning spaces that encourage creative thinking and collaboration.

It hosts WA's first Apple Foundation Program, a global initiative developing the next generation of app developers, entrepreneurs, and digital innovators.

Here you'll find...

- World-leading performance spaces, dance, music and theatre rehearsal spaces, workshops for stage production and design.
- A home for over 300 public performances by WAAPA students and staff.
- Creative arts and design studios and workshops, plus technologically advanced facilities for radio, television and film production.
- Contemporary collaborative spaces for business ideation and innovation, a digital hub and smart lab and a high-tech moot court for law studies.

ECU City opened to students in February 2026.

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



Industry Partnerships

The Apple Foundation Program

Edith Cowan University's new world-class campus in Perth's CBD is home to Western Australia's first Apple Foundation Program.

The global program is designed to produce the next generation of app developers, entrepreneurs, and digital innovators in a purpose-built facility overlooking Perth's growing city.

The program will introduce participants to the iOS ecosystem, learning Apple's Swift programming language for iPhone, iPad, and Mac.

It provides students with the skills to design and create their own apps, and to develop solutions to real challenges.

The program has already empowered students around the world, with many launching successful businesses.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/industry/apple-partnership



IGNIS Mission

ECU will lead five Australian universities in collaboration with NASA to study lightning and fire through the IGNIS mission, providing research data for global scientists and fire investigators.

The mission is over three phases, spanning 8 years. The first phase, the IGNIS Project, has recently completed its first round of aerial data collection using infrared cameras to analyse the terrain in Western Australia's south-east region to select areas for a lightning mapping network.

The second stage of IGNIS involves the launch of a 12U satellite to map and track thermal and lightning patterns from Low Earth Orbit. A third stage will involve a deep-space mission, aimed at observing the interaction of solar activity and lightning on Jupiter. The aim of this mission is to use lightning to understand the chemistry of that planet.

→ Find out more – ecu.edu.au/research/worldclass/ignis-project

A growing body of world-class research

ECU has a vibrant research community, actively supporting our student and staff researchers.

We continually seek opportunities to collaborate with other universities and to work with organisations and businesses to commercialise research outcomes.

Our work follows four broad themes:

- Health
- Natural and Built Environments
- Securing Digital Futures
- Society and Culture

A sample of impactful research projects



Alzheimer's breakthrough: genetic link to gut disorders confirmed

A world-first ECU study has confirmed the link between Alzheimer's Disease and gut health, which could lead to earlier detection and new treatments.



The holy grail of renewables

ECU Professor Hongqi Sun and his team are developing photocatalysts that can accelerate the process of producing green hydrogen whilst improving energy efficiency.



Cyber security

Edith Cowan University's Security Research Institute is developing a biometric security system that scans both your fingerprint and the veins in your finger.



Arresting the rise in aliteracy

ECU researcher Dr Margaret Merga is developing strategies to prevent the rise of aliteracy – teenagers who have developed basic literacy, but are uninterested in continuing to read for pleasure.



Explore further research activities –
ecu.edu.au/research/worldclass

ECU in numbers

2,266

Total staff

4

Campuses

217,000+

Alumni/graduates

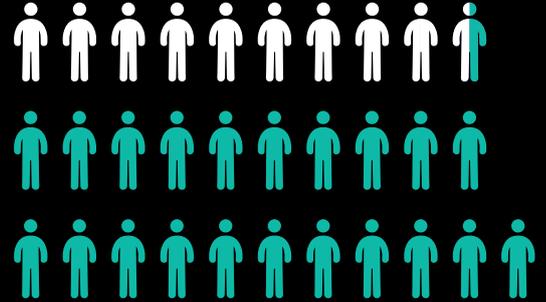
16,800+

ECU program
overseas graduates



105

International Student
Countries of Origin

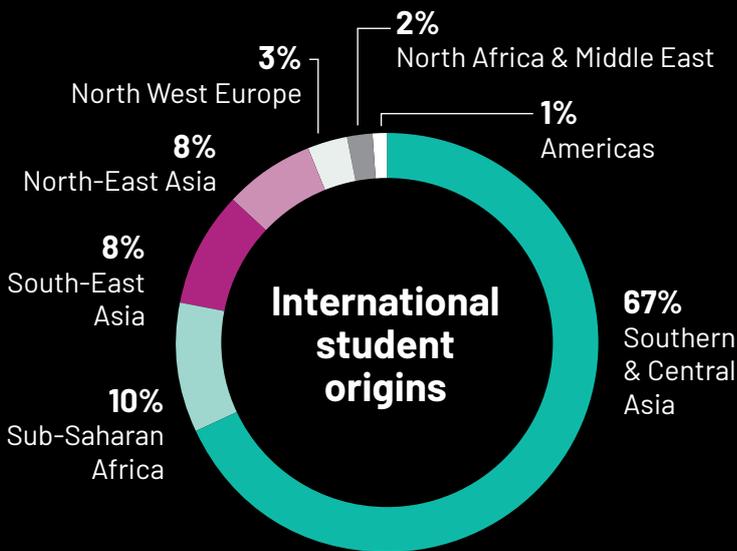


8,763

International students

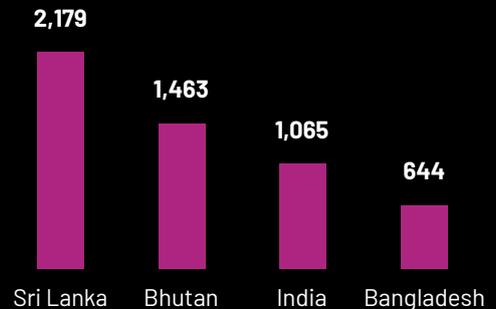
29,939

Total students



International enrolments

Top 4 countries



Popular study areas for international students

31%

Business & Law

13%

Engineering

9%

Medical & Health
Sciences

5%

Arts



23%

Science

11%

Nursing &
Midwifery

8%

Teacher
Education



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