

Student Services and Amenities Fee 2026: Funding priorities for student feedback

The Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) was implemented at Edith Cowan University in 2012. The Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) is a fee set on an annual basis in accordance with the SSAF Rules. The purpose of the SSAF is to support the provision of a wide-range of services and amenities to enhance the student experience and improve the services available to them. The amount of SSAF revenue anticipated for 2026 is \$5.2m.

In order to determine how income from the SSAF is spent, the SSAF Advisory Forum – which consists of members of University management, the ECU Student Guild and an elected student member of University Council – discusses how to prioritise expenditure across the range of student services and amenities at ECU, and how and by whom the services and amenities should be provided. Members of the Advisory Forum propose to prioritise SSAF expenditure in the areas listed below. The recommendations of the SSAF Advisory Forum are presented to the Vice-Chancellor for endorsement, and to University Council for approval.

Student Consultation

The consultation period, during which students are invited to provide feedback on the proposed priorities for 2026, has been extended to **5:00pm on Wednesday, 22 October 2025**. Feedback can be provided by emailing SSAF@ecu.edu.au or the ECU Student Guild President via president@ecuguild.org.au. All feedback will be presented to the SSAF Advisory Forum for consideration.

DRAFT SSAF Funding Priorities for 2026

Expenditure categories (HESA 19-38(4))	Guild will use funds to:	University will use funds to:
(a) providing food or drink to students on a campus of the higher education provider	provide free food and drink at events and activities on each of the University's campuses	
(b) supporting a sporting or other recreational activity by students	provide social and cultural activities which reflect the spread of student numbers across all University campuses	support sporting and recreation activities
(c) supporting the administration of a club most of whose members are students	maintain and enhance the network of active student clubs across all University campuses	
(d) caring for children of students		support services for ECU SW Campus creche
(f) promoting the health or welfare of students	provide welfare services and referrals to health and other welfare services which reflect students across all campuses through the Guild Advisory Service	- identify and provide a range of proactive support services for students - provide additional nursing staff to provide immunisations to students requiring them for practicum placements

Expenditure categories (HESA 19-38(4))	Guild will use funds to:	University will use funds to:
(h) helping students obtain employment or advice on careers		• provide services to students to enable them to access volunteering opportunities • provide students with resources and services to improve their career and employability skills
(i) helping students with their financial affairs	• ensure that students in financial need have access to welfare related grants, discretionary grants and provision of a service where students can purchase and sell used course material	
(n) supporting the production and dissemination to students of media whose content is provided by students	• provide communications which will reflect the broad composition of the student body across all campuses	
(o) helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled	• provide accessible training courses for a diverse range of students	• provide a range of services and resources to assist students with developing their study skills
(p) advising on matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described)		• enhance processes and systems for managing student complaints and appeals
(q) advocating students' interests in matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described)	• provide representation and advocacy services which reflect the spread of student numbers across all university campuses	
(r) giving students information to help them in their orientation	• ensure the Guild is represented in orientation planning and implementation	• provide orientation and transition programs for all students

Notes:

- (i) The categories set out in the first column are prescribed by the *Commonwealth Government in the Higher Education Support Act 2003* (Section 19-38).
- (ii) An absence of funding in the University's column for any category does not necessarily indicate that the University is not active in that area: a funding source other than the SSAF may be used to support that category.(m)