

EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

# GUIDE FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS





## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

Choosing a career direction can be difficult. With more than 400 courses to choose from at Edith Cowan University (ECU), this guide showcases a variety of study areas which will enable you to choose the right direction for you.

In determining your area of study, consider your interests, what excites you, and what will challenge you. ECU's courses are developed in conjunction with industry leaders, and are tailored to meet your needs, interests and motivations. The courses will help you to develop a diverse and flexible range of possible career directions, thereby assisting you achieve your dream career.

From careers in established disciplines such as business, engineering, human resources, teaching, nursing, law and justice to dynamic, exciting disciplines such as sports science, visual and performing arts, communications and social sciences, ECU has a course for you.

As an Australian Indigenous student you can access our courses through a range of general pathways and custom programs including our Indigenous University Orientation Course and the Indigenous Student Intake Test which can fast track students into bridging or undergraduate courses.

At ECU you will gain the practical skills and knowledge upon which to build a rewarding career. I encourage you to find out more about how ECU can help you reach your potential.

**Professor Kerry O. Cox**  
Vice-Chancellor

# ECU.

## THE JOURNEY BEGINS.

At ECU, our approach to learning is based on the needs of our students and what employers say they're really looking for. So when you start your journey at ECU, you'll find that we do things differently.

We work alongside industry, balancing theory and practice to help you hit the work place running. We aim to provide you with greater access to lecturers and the full support of our friendly staff. And our flexible degrees and entry pathways help you fit study around your busy life. Finally, we engage industry bodies, individual, community and government organisations to make sure our courses – and your knowledge – stay fully up-to-date.

Relevance, support, accessibility and engagement; four principles that underpin everything that we do.

At ECU, we provide a wide variety of opportunities for Indigenous people looking to engage in higher education studies. We understand that certain barriers can exist in undertaking a degree. To alleviate financial hardship, we have scholarships available to help Indigenous students with their study costs.

Our support staff are equipped to anticipate any academic and study related questions that you may have. Uni is also a great way of meeting new people. Did you know there are around 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at ECU? At ECU, you can interact with other Indigenous students, local students and with students from different countries who have similar interests and ambitions.

Why not start an exciting adventure – ECU will mark the beginning of a new journey towards your future career and open up a fascinating new phase of your life.



# MAKING NEWS

## Hot and Deadly! program engages local Aboriginal students

Aboriginal students were able to get a taste of what it's like to be a nurse or paramedic as part of the Hot and Deadly! Nursing and Paramedics@ECU program. The program saw seventeen young Aboriginal people in Years 9-12 give up four days from the last week of the school term to visit both the ECU Joondalup and Mount Lawley campuses. Specifically designed for Aboriginal school students, the program includes an Aboriginal nurse coordinator, a visit to Kurongkurl Katitjin (ECU's Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research) and involvement from Aboriginal nursing and paramedic students. The Hot and Deadly! Nursing and Paramedics@ECU program is based on the very successful Year 10 Hands on Training (HOT) Program, created by the Systems Intervention Research Centre for Health (SIRCH), which has been running for the past four years.

Seven out of the 32 Year 10 HOT participants in 2007 enrolled at ECU in Semester 1 of 2010.

## NAIDOC Winner takes to the air

Karla Hart, a 2005 graduate of WAAPA's Aboriginal Theatre course and a 2009 graduate of ECU's Contemporary Performance program, was awarded a 2009 Perth NAIDOC 'Artist of the Year' Award. The NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Awards pay tribute to the outstanding contributions that Indigenous individuals make to their communities, chosen fields and the broader Australian society. Hart's award recognises her work in running cultural workshops with various government and non-government agencies in WA and setting up a cultural exchange program with China.

## Wesfarmers Indigenous Youth Scholarship Winner

Amy Hammond was recently awarded the Wesfarmers Indigenous Youth Scholarship as part of the 2010 WA Citizen of the Year Award. Hammond graduated from WAAPA's Stage Management course and then completed her Bachelor of Arts (Performing Arts). She is currently working as the Wardarnji Festival Coordinator – City of Fremantle and as the Assistant Program Coordinator – TOO SOLID Program. She and her partner have also started the only Indigenous owned and run Production Company in Western Australia 'Kick Up Dust'.



## ECU student first WA recipient of the Governor-General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship

ECU student Lisa Capewell is the first West Australian to be awarded the Governor-General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship.

The scholarship aims to assist one Indigenous student in every state and territory to undertake teacher education studies with a higher education provider. Successful applicants receive \$25,000 per year for the life of their teaching degree (up to four years) to cover study costs. Lisa is currently studying teaching at ECU.

## ECU's Professor Hayward inducted into Aboriginal Education Hall of Fame

Professor Colleen Hayward has devoted more than 30 years to Aboriginal education and is currently the Head of Kurongkurl Katitjin, Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research at ECU. In 2009, Professor Hayward was inducted into the WA Department of Education's Hall of Fame. Amongst her other achievements, Professor Hayward has also been awarded National NAIDOC Aboriginal Person of the Year, attended the Australia 2020 Summit, and appeared in both the Who's Who of Australian Women and WA's 50 most powerful women.

## Solid Kids, Solid Schools receives state-wide recognition

ECU's Child Health Promotion Research Centre, Solid Kids, Solid Schools project was awarded the 'Outstanding Achievement in Community Safety' award at the annual Injury Control Council of Western Australia (ICCWA) Community Awards. The Solid Kids, Solid Schools project involved researchers working with Aboriginal community members in the Yamaji (Mid West, Murchison) region of Western Australia to determine ways to help Aboriginal young people prevent or deal with bullying.

The project, funded by Healthway, not only identified the cultural understandings of bullying among Aboriginal children and their communities, but also helped develop relevant and culturally-secure bullying prevention and management strategies.

## Kurongkurl Katitjin student helps launch Noongar Radio

On 5 July 2009, ECU student Glenn Moore won the international 'Battle of the Didges' competition held to mark the first broadcast of Perth's new indigenous radio station, 6NME 100.9FM. Also known as Noongar Radio, the station was launched as part of the NAIDOC Week opening ceremony held in Wellington Square, Perth. Noongar Radio was set up to serve the Noongar community of Perth, providing them with a media outlet that recognises, respects and affirms the distinct cultural identity of the Noongar people of South Western Australia.



ECU student Lisa Capewell receiving her award from the Governor-General of Australia.

## KURONGKURL KATITJIN

Kurongkurl Katitjin, pronounced *koor-ong-kurl cut-it-chin*, is a Noongar phrase meaning ‘coming together to learn’.

Kurongkurl Katitjin, ECU’s Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research plays a key role in assisting the University to meet its commitment to Indigenous Australians. The role encompasses support for whole-of-university activities and programs, as well as specific teaching, research and support activities in relation to Indigenous Australian people and their cultures.

Kurongkurl Katitjin is physically located on the Mount Lawley campus.

The beginning of Indigenous programs at ECU date back to 1975, when the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program was established at Mount Lawley campus.



# SUPPORT FOR YOU

## Kurongkurl Katitjin

Kurongkurl Katitjin is one of the first Indigenous Centres in Australia to offer special entry provisions for Indigenous students to enter degree courses, the first university to offer a bridging program in external mode and an innovator in establishing off-campus centres to serve students in rural and remote locations.

## Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS)

The Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme Tertiary Tuition is funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) under the Indigenous Education Direct Assistance (IEDA) program. The goal of ITAS is to accelerate educational outcomes for Indigenous Australians. Its primary aim is to improve the educational outcomes of Indigenous students in tertiary courses to the same levels as those for non-Indigenous Australians.

ITAS covers the cost of engaging a tutor to provide academic and study skills assistance to eligible students. You can expect to receive up to 2 hours tutorial assistance per subject per week, which will be supplemented by an additional total of 5 hours exam preparation (conditions apply).

## Dedicated Study Areas

Kurongkurl Katitjin is located in Building 15 on our Mount Lawley Campus and provides facilities for Indigenous students. On this campus, we have a computer laboratory and common room for use by Indigenous students. The computer laboratory is spacious and equipped with twelve computers, scanner, printer and multi-page photocopier. The student Common Room has comfortable couches, dining tables, a fridge, microwave, and tea and coffee making facilities. Students can take the time to relax here in between classes or socialise.

On Joondalup, we have a comfortable common room to take a study break in and a room that has a computer and a desk for you to use.

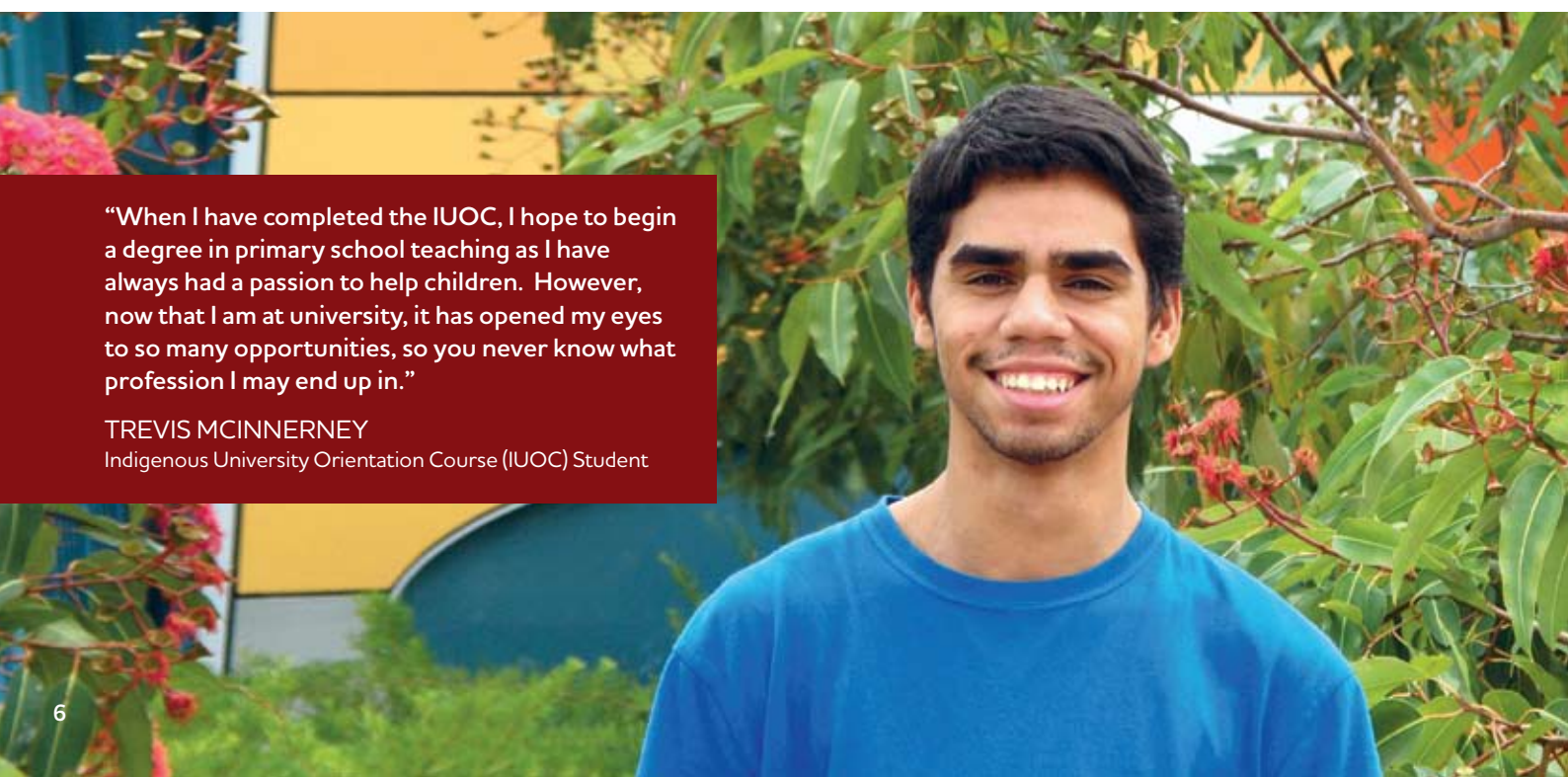
## Getting the Support You Need to Succeed

ECU's Equity, Diversity and Disability Services (EDD) Office supports students in accessing programs and services that can help you succeed. EDD staff can assist with arranging alternative assessment conditions, access to some aids and equipment, note taking, interpreting and transcription services. Every campus has a specially designed Accessible Technologies Room that provides students with access to adjustable chairs and desks, specialised software, computer and scanner and other adaptive technology.

Our University Contact Officers (UCO) are staff members who volunteer to support other members of the ECU community on equity related issues. UCO's assist students and staff by providing referral information on equity policies and practices, together with details of services and support available through the University to assist in resolving issues of concern.

## Off-Campus Support

ECU offers courses off-campus to support opportunities for students whose circumstances do not permit on-campus studies. Students are supported through mailing services from the library, telephone and email-supported services like counselling and career advising, and online access to enrolment tools (SIMO) and unit materials (Blackboard). For more information on off-campus study options at ECU, visit [www.reachyourpotential.com.au/regional](http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au/regional) or [www.reachyourpotential.com.au/off-campus-study](http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au/off-campus-study)



“When I have completed the IUOC, I hope to begin a degree in primary school teaching as I have always had a passion to help children. However, now that I am at university, it has opened my eyes to so many opportunities, so you never know what profession I may end up in.”

TREVIS MCINNERNEY

Indigenous University Orientation Course (IUOC) Student

# CAMPUS LOCATIONS

## Campus Locations & Off-Campus Options

ECU has three locations in Western Australia: two in Perth and one in Bunbury, the regional centre of the South West. Regardless of the campus you choose to attend, you'll find up-to-date facilities like wireless internet, 24-hour access to large computing lab facilities, libraries with open study spaces available outside of office hours and a safe environment for you to study in either by yourself or with other students. Each of our venues has dedicated facilities, and they are outlined below. ECU prides itself on the industry relevant and state-of-the-art equipment we provide to students, plus our social and support facilities are amongst the most comprehensive in Western Australia. As an ECU student you can access all the facilities and services regardless of whether you study via on or off-campus mode. Our staff welcome off-campus students who visit us on-campus and for those who don't live nearby, we have services available online or by phone. ECU Open Days (held in Joondalup and Mount Lawley) in July are a great time to see all the facilities available and speak to our staff about how you can best access our supportive environment.



Mount Lawley Campus



Joondalup Campus



South West Campus (Bunbury)

## ECU Joondalup

The home of Business, Education, Engineering, Health Science, Law, Natural Science, Nursing and Sport Science. Joondalup has industry standard Health and Wellness facilities for teaching and research, the ECU Health and Wellness Institute, a community law clinic, gym, a library which includes a computer e-Lab with 24-hour access and an excellent array of cafés. ECU Joondalup is located within a 5-minute walk from Joondalup train station and there is a free CAT bus service available. The Campus is co-located with the Police Academy and West Coast Institute of Training in an education precinct. Our on-campus apartment-style accommodation is in high demand, apply early if you are interested in a place. Construction on new state-of-the-art engineering and technology facilities is currently underway and completion is expected in 2011. Nursing has advanced teaching facilities with self-contained simulation suites that have full video recording and interactive audio-visual technology. The simulation room in each suite can be configured to different settings such as an operating theatre, emergency department, consulting rooms, birthing suites, intensive care and mock wards. During the summer months, we host the Lotterywest Festival Films at the Pines Outdoor Cinema.

## ECU Mount Lawley

Located adjacent to the Perth CBD, ECU's Mount Lawley campus is home to Arts, Business, Communications, Education, the Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research – Kurongkurl Katitjin, and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA). Mount Lawley's recently refurbished Library, new Business and Kurongkurl Katitjin buildings are architectural standouts. Life on campus is always vibrant with gyms, cafes and the Student Village providing a social hub. WAAPA hosts hundreds of performances and events throughout the year, which gives the campus an exciting vibe. Mount Lawley also boasts one of the largest Macintosh computer laboratories in Australia to service our Communications and Creative Industries students.

## ECU South West (Bunbury)

ECU South West (Bunbury) is the largest university campus in rural and regional Western Australia. Courses range from Business, Communications and Science to Social Work, Education and Nursing. The campus has small class sizes and on-campus accommodation. Over 1,600 students gather on-campus or in mixed on/off-campus modes in the South West Region. All students have access to the café, mini gym and multi-purpose sports courts. There are two nursing demonstration wards and science laboratories which can be used by students who are studying courses in these areas. We also have a recently refurbished library with 24-hour access to a computer lab within it. The campus is co-located with the South West Regional College of TAFE, Manea Senior College and two hospitals.



# FACILITIES & SERVICES

We provide an excellent range of services and facilities from career guidance to academic support.

## Accommodation

ECU has on-campus accommodation at all three campuses, operated by leading student accommodation provider, Campus Living Villages. In January 2011, ECU will be opening over 350 new rooms to provide an even wider range of apartment choices. The brand new accommodation at Mount Lawley will feature state-of-the-art facilities such as a pool, café, student lounge and an e-library. You'll be supported by a great team of Residential Assistants and enjoy a full student life program, designed to help you make friends and make the most out of your ECU experience. Off-campus housing assistance is also provided. For more information and to apply visit [www.ecuvillage.com.au](http://www.ecuvillage.com.au)

## Bookshops

Our Bookshops stock all your textbook and stationery needs. Check your booklist and opening hours at [www.reachyourpotential.com.au/services](http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au/services)

## E-Labs

All ECU students have access to 24-hour on-campus computing facilities. E-Labs are an ideal place to carry out additional research, providing IT access to help with your studies. The labs at the Joondalup and Mount Lawley campuses cater for PC and Mac users and all computers are fully loaded with the latest software. ECU South West's e-Lab is located adjacent to the library and features PCs and work spaces for laptops along with wireless and ethernet options.

## Security (24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week)

ECU endeavours to provide a safe environment for all its students and staff. Campus security provides an on-campus security escort service for students and staff anywhere on request 24-hours a day, seven days a week on the metropolitan campuses and with services during daytime and early evening seven days per week on the South-West campus. This is especially useful for those studying late after hours. Emergency telephone points across all campuses also ensure help is never far away. Visit [www.reachyourpotential.com.au/services](http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au/services)

## Student Central

The Student Central Office on each campus is the first point of reference for all student enquiries regarding academic progress information, enrolment information, cashier services and assistance, with a range of other support services including access cards, campus maps, lodgement of forms and parking permits. Student Central Offices are located in Building 18 of the Joondalup Campus, Building 3 of the Mount Lawley Campus and Building 1 of the South West Campus.

## Orientation

Orientation commences two weeks prior to the start of classes during semester one and two and incorporates a range of activities designed to equip new students with the skills and confidence to adjust to uni life. It's a perfect opportunity for new students to get acquainted with their course, teaching staff and the ECU support services as well as meet new people and have some fun!

## Other On-Campus Facilities

ATMs, childcare centre/crèche, coffee shops, hairdresser, library, optometrist, parking and SmartCard.

# ACADEMIC SUPPORT

## Learning Advisers

Learning Advisers on each campus can assist you with a range of study skills and advice on preparing your assignments. The Advisers conduct workshops, provide guest lectures, teach courses, prepare academic skill resources, support other academic staff in promotion of tertiary literacy skills and see students one-on-one and in group consultations. Off-campus students can email, phone or visit for assistance.

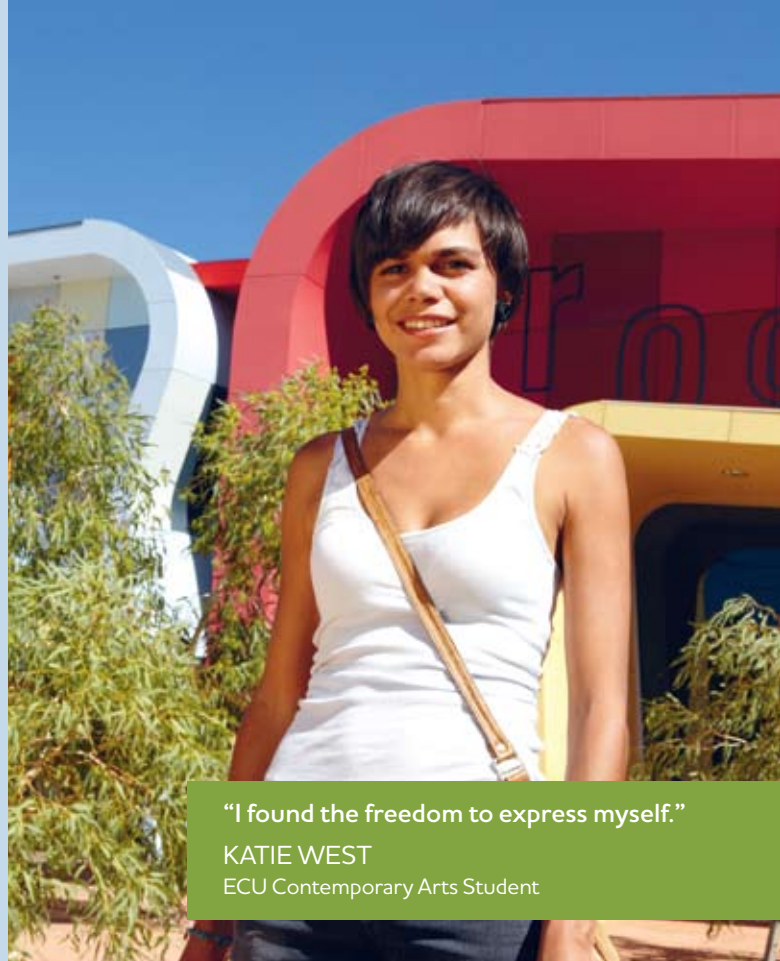
## Career Services

The ECU Careers Service provides free career counselling and employment information to current students and graduates up to one year after graduating. The Careers Service is there to make the transition from university to working life as smooth as possible.

The Careers Service offers the following services:

- Tools to plan and manage your career pathway
- Career education workshops
- Access to part-time, casual, full-time and graduate employment
- Information on graduate programs
- On-campus employer presentations
- Career fairs
- One-to-one career counselling.

For more information, visit [www.reachyourpotential.com.au/services](http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au/services) or email [careers@ecu.edu.au](mailto:careers@ecu.edu.au)



**“I found the freedom to express myself.”**

**KATIE WEST**  
ECU Contemporary Arts Student

# HEALTH & WELL-BEING

## Health Services

Medical Centres are conveniently located on the Joondalup and Mount Lawley Campuses. Health services provided include GP consultations and nursing treatments.

## Student Counselling Service

The Counselling service is a short-term, professional and confidential service. It is available to all students free of charge, to address any academic and personal issues that impact on your studies. Our Counsellors come from a range of professions and have postgraduate qualifications, skills and experience in helping people with a wide range of personal, psychological and study-related difficulties. For more information, visit [www.reachyourpotential.com.au/services](http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au/services)

## Sport and Fitness

Modern, fully equipped sports, recreation and fitness centres are located on the Joondalup and Mount Lawley campuses. ECU South West (Bunbury) features multi-purpose playing courts and a mini gym. As an ECU student you receive cheaper gym membership and are invited to take part in intervarsity and interfaculty sport, sporting clubs and sporting trips. For more information visit [www.reachyourpotential.com.au/services](http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au/services)

## Other Recreational & Social

Clubs and societies, study abroad and exchange program, Student Guild and taverns.



**“My study experience at ECU was challenging, rewarding and worthwhile. It allowed me to grow professionally, personally and academically.”**

**SHAYDEEN THOMPSON**  
ECU Occupational Health and Safety student



# ENTRY PATHWAYS

ECU offers a variety of entry pathways to university level study that cater to today's requirements for broader access to tertiary education. We can tailor your previous experience and qualifications to help you find a course which assists you in reaching your potential.

**Indigenous Student Intake Test (ISIT)** – this test is a means of assessing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants for tertiary course entry. The program provides you with an opportunity to decide if the courses suit your needs and interest. The ISIT is conducted over one full-day for each applicant. The morning session is the test and the afternoon period is for interviews. If you are unable to stay for your interview, you must make an appointment to return at a suitable time. ABSTUDY may provide travel and accommodation assistance for this test. For more information, please visit [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)

**Indigenous University Orientation Course (IUOC)\*** – is designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who wish to do a pre-tertiary course to access university studies. Entry to the IUOC can be either through the Indigenous Student Intake Test (ISIT), graduating with a Year 12 Western Australian Certificate of Education (or equivalent) or completing a Certificate III TAFE and providing a personal statement. The course covers: academic reading and writing skills, mathematics and computer skills. Completion of this course provides students with a standard entry into most degree programs. Entry into other University programs may require additional extension studies and processes of negotiation. The IUOC is free for Indigenous students. ABSTUDY may provide a living allowance for this course. For more information, please visit [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)

**ATAR (TER)** – is a ranking based on eligible subjects studied in year 12. If you sat examinable WACE courses, TEE or other eligible examinations in previous years we should be able to ascertain your ATAR for entry into ECU courses.

**Portfolio Entry Pathway** – this assesses your ability to succeed in higher education based on a portfolio of evidence.

**Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)** – is a national test designed to assess aptitude for learning in a tertiary environment. It comprises two tests, Written English and Multiple Choice.

**University Preparation Course (UPC)\*** – offers an alternative entry pathway to ECU. On completion of the course, you are eligible for entry to undergraduate courses at ECU dependent on prerequisites, minimum ATAR/TER requirement and availability. Our University Preparation Course equips students with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful at the course of their choice. Students work on learning, research, study and numeracy skills plus more. The great thing about this course is that it gives you the time and space to become familiar with ECU and being a university student before you start your course, so that when you do start you know all the basics and can focus on what you're learning. ABSTUDY may provide a living allowance for this course. For more information, please visit [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)

**University Preparation Course (Education Assistant Program)\*** – prepares you to be an Education Assistant as well as allowing direct entry to selected undergraduate teaching degrees at ECU.

**University Preparation Course (Education Assistant: Special Needs)\*** – provides a practical overview of the skills required to support school students with a range of specific learning needs.

**TAFE and private colleges** – ECU may accept applications from students who have completed a qualification from a TAFE or private college. Applicants may also be eligible for advanced standing for previous studies.

**Previous Tertiary Qualifications** – if you have successfully completed units at university level in Australia, you may meet minimum entry requirements in to ECU. Overseas university qualifications may also meet requirements.

## English Competency

All applicants must demonstrate English competency, which can be achieved in a number of ways. For further information on alternative ways of meeting English competency, please contact ECU's Student Recruitment and Careers Office on 134 ECU (134 328) or visit [www.reachyourpotential.com.au/minimum-requirements](http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au/minimum-requirements)

\* The University Preparation Course is free for Australian Citizens and Humanitarian Visa holders



# SCHOLARSHIPS

ECU scholarships mean that more people get a fair go at university. The funds are designed to help students pay for the cost of uni and ECU offer a number of scholarships specifically for Indigenous students.

## ECU Indigenous Scholarships

These scholarships will be awarded to assist Indigenous students with the costs associated with university study. This scholarship is valued at \$3,000 per annum (pro rated where the enrolment is less than full-time). The student must be enrolled in a Bachelor Degree course.

## Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships

These scholarships are funded by the Commonwealth and are available for students enrolled in an Indigenous enabling course, any bachelor degree course or a graduate diploma course in an area of national priority. They are additional scholarships for student relocating from their regional/rural area to commence their studies.

## ECU Equity Scholarships

These scholarships are intended to assist students from designated equity groups including Indigenous students with the costs associated with university study. Applications are sought from students from low socio-economic backgrounds, people with a disability or ongoing illness, people with significant caring responsibilities and those from rural or regional areas.

## ECU South West Campus Scholarships

These scholarships will be awarded to students who will commence studies at ECU's South West Campus in 2011. The scholarships are merit based and are to support high achieving Western Australian Year 12 school leavers who nominate a higher education course at ECU's South West Campus as their first preference.

“When you are relieved of financial stress, you really feel that you can do your best in your course, by being given that freedom to do so.”

JULIEKA STEWART

ECU Vice Chancellor's Indigenous Australian Scholarship and Indigenous Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship

## Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Australian Scholarship

This scholarship is intended for advancement of Indigenous Australians and promotes equitable access of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in education. This scholarship is valued at \$5,000 per annum for full-time students who have successfully completed at least one semester of study at ECU.

## Perth Airport Indigenous Scholarship

Offered by the Westralia Airports Corporation, owner and operator of Perth Airport. These scholarships are valued at up to \$5,000 per year and are offered to provide qualifying Indigenous students with financial assistance whilst undertaking studies at ECU.

For more information you can visit ECU's scholarship website at [www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships) or contact our friendly staff on 134 ECU (134 328).

## ECU Excellence Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded to Western Australian Year 12 school leavers displaying outstanding academic excellence and endeavour. Excellence scholarships are valued at \$4,000 (pro-rata for each part-time semester) per year for a maximum of 8 full-time study semesters or 16 part-time study semesters.

The above scholarships are a sample of the scholarships currently available at ECU. For more information, please visit [www.reachyourpotential.com.au/assistance](http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au/assistance)

# STUDY AREAS

At ECU, we have a diverse and exciting range of courses for students to study. We have thirteen study areas – and you might find the course of your dreams in one of them! For further information visit [www.reachyourpotential.com.au](http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au) to learn more about our courses and what the entry requirements are.



“My scholarship helped me focus on uni.”

BIANCCA CORPUS  
ECU Scholarship recipient

## Biology, Chemistry & Environmental Science

When it comes to studies in environmental science, ECU leaves other universities green with envy. We offer a range of highly ranked degrees that can lead to decidedly different careers in fields such as biological sciences, environmental management, chemistry, environmental forensics, health and more. In addition to learning from award-winning staff, you'll have access to the latest facilities in the purpose-built \$28 million Science building, located on the Joondalup Campus.

## Business

At uni you can learn a lot, but if it's not what employers are looking for, you could have difficulty competing for that dream job. That's why ECU's Business courses focus on the skills that employers value. A set of practical units, called Business Edge, provide students with skills in oral and written communications, entrepreneurship, leadership, problem-solving and critical thinking. Classes create a realistic business environment where students can work with industry to develop practical workplace skills.

## Communications & Arts

ECU's School of Communications and Arts offers a range of programs in communications, media, design, arts and the humanities, all designed to equip graduates with the knowledge and skills needed to live, work and contribute to the technological and creative culture of the 21st Century. The availability of our wide range of specialisations, gives students the flexibility to tailor their course to match their interests, providing the valuable potential to graduate with more than one area of expertise.

## Engineering & Technology

ECU Engineering offers a wide range of engineering courses structured around practical learning in state-of-the-art facilities at the Joondalup Campus. A new state-of-the-art Engineering and Technology facility at ECU is currently under construction, with completion scheduled for 2011. All of our courses have particular emphasis on real-world problem solving together with a rigorous coverage of theoretical foundations and extensive practical and team-based project work. This means ECU Engineering graduates bring globally relevant skills and knowledge to the profession, providing real engineering solutions from day one.

## Law & Justice

The focus of all our Law and Justice courses is to provide practical legal education with a commitment to social justice. Our vision is to lead in law and justice education and research, while developing leaders in our communities. And the courses just keep getting better - in 2009 a number of new units across various programs were introduced including 'Occupational Health, Safety and Security Law in Australia', which was delivered by one of Australia's leading experts in this area. Plus, in 2010 the School introduced WA's first accredited online Law degree.



## Nursing, Paramedicine & Midwifery

ECU has the largest undergraduate nursing program in WA, and is at the forefront of healthcare simulation and scenario-based learning across health disciplines. We are passionate in finding better ways to educate nurses, midwives, medical practitioners and health professionals. Our experienced staff, coupled with our world-class facilities, positions us as the premium provider of nursing qualifications.

## Exercise, Biomedical & Health Sciences

Cutting-edge facilities within the Health and Wellness building plus the Occupational Therapy teaching suite and Nutrition and Sports Science laboratories ensure students undertaking degrees in the area of Exercise, Biomedical and Health Sciences have access to the latest equipment and modern laboratories for both teaching and research.

## Psychology & Social Science

If you are interested in how people think, feel and behave, study Psychology at ECU to gain a clear understanding of human behaviour. ECU is the largest provider of Psychology & Community Studies courses in Western Australia. ECU is also the only university in Western Australia to offer Social Science courses with a focus on professional practice that include non-traditional and emerging study areas such as social justice, human rights, crime and inclusion. Or you can study Speech Pathology and help adults and children with speech impairments improve their communication skills. Our Social Work Course provides a professional education in the field of social work such that its graduates are eligible for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

## Security & Computing

With over two decades of experience in Security and Computing, flexible courses that are available off-campus, state-of-the-art technology, and the opportunity to work within the industry via the completion of real and relevant projects, ECU's Security and Computing courses are truly unique. The school is committed to ensuring all its students have access to the latest technologies so they can reach their potential within their chosen course. This is why if you enrol as a full-time student you will receive a free laptop computer to use in your first year of study, and if you continue with your degree in a full-time mode it will be yours to keep for free (conditions apply).

## Sport, Tourism & Hospitality Management

Event Management is a growing and vibrant industry and transcends into many fascinating areas. Graduates of ECU's Event, Sport and Recreation Management degree will find themselves highly sought after to manage a diverse and dynamic range of events including festivals, sporting events and recreation programs. If you're looking for a career that combines your love of sport and business, then ECU's Sport Management degree is for you. Or, perhaps you can picture yourself living and working on a resort or managing an international hotel? Great news - ECU's Hospitality Management degree can help get you there!

"ECU not only gave me a pathway to a University Degree, but its Vice-Chancellors Indigenous Australian Scholarship gave me additional support that allowed me to fully concentrate on my studies."

JULIE PICKETT  
Law and Justice Graduate

And if your aspirations delve into the lively and diverse world of Tourism Management, ECU's Tourism Management degree can help you land a career in one of the world's largest industries.

## Teacher Education

At ECU's School of Education you benefit from experienced and engaging lecturers who are passionate about education and provide programs that are informed with cutting-edge research. The school also understands how important professional placement is and makes it a priority so you enter your first classroom confident and job-ready. To guide you along the way the school has a dedicated student support team who are available to assist and support your learning needs. ECU South West stands out as the only campus in WA with a Primary to Middle Degree where you can teach Years 1 to 10.

## Urban & Regional Planning

Where we live has a real impact on our health and lifestyle. If you want to help create communities that people love to live in, consider a career in Planning. Planners forecast the future needs of communities and promote the best use of residential, commercial and recreational resources. Critical thinking and spending time in the field are important parts of the profession as the world strives to create sustainable environments.



"By appearing in shows such as *Hamlet*, *Comedy of Errors*, *Under Milkwood*, *The Trial* and *Attempts on her Life*, I have had the chance to use my performance skills and grow as a person. I will never regret my studies at WAAPA, it's been the best time in my life! Working on *Stone Bros.* was an enjoyable experience. I was able to learn a lot more about how film worked behind the scenes since it was my first feature, and at the same time be involved in fun storytelling."

SHAREENA CLANTON  
WAAPA Aboriginal Theatre Student

## WAAPA

The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) offers students the opportunity to pursue their artistic dreams. It enjoys a national reputation and international recognition for the quality of its graduates. It provides the most comprehensive range of performing arts training in Australia. Students can choose from internationally recognised courses in aboriginal theatre, acting, arts management, broadcasting, costume, dance, design, lighting, music, music theatre, props and scenery, sound and stage management. World-class staff working in state-of-the-art performance and teaching facilities provide rigorous and specialised training of the highest order.



# INDIGENOUS SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

## Minor in Indigenous Studies

This minor gives all students the opportunity to investigate and evaluate a range of issues important to Indigenous Australian people including historical interpretation, identity, politics, environmental perspectives, cultural practices, government policy and economic development. In addition, students interrogate their own attitudes and assumptions concerning race and cultural diversity as they develop their cultural competencies. The minor draws on academic disciplines of history and politics, media and the arts, as well as cultural, environmental and policy studies. It presents students with an Indigenous perspective on matters of interest to Indigenous people and the Australian public. The whole minor can be used as a elective for any course that allows its inclusion.

## Certificate IV in Aboriginal Theatre

This course enables students who are keen to enter the entertainment industry from an Aboriginal cultural perspective to build skills in one or more of the areas of song, dance and acting. The course aims specifically to facilitate the study of theatre from an Aboriginal cultural perspective and assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in gaining admission into mainstream theatre and music theatre training programs in Australia. It enhances the student's ability to audition for and perform roles in broadcasting, theatre, music theatre, television and film.

## Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Sector Management

This course is a one semester fee-paying course for professionals working in the Indigenous sector. This course is also offered part-time. The course is designed to develop knowledge in a variety of areas of policy and management across the sector, and also offers a pathway to the Master of Arts (Indigenous Sector Management) for those who do not possess graduate qualifications or whose graduate qualifications are in an unrelated area.

## Graduate Certificate in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

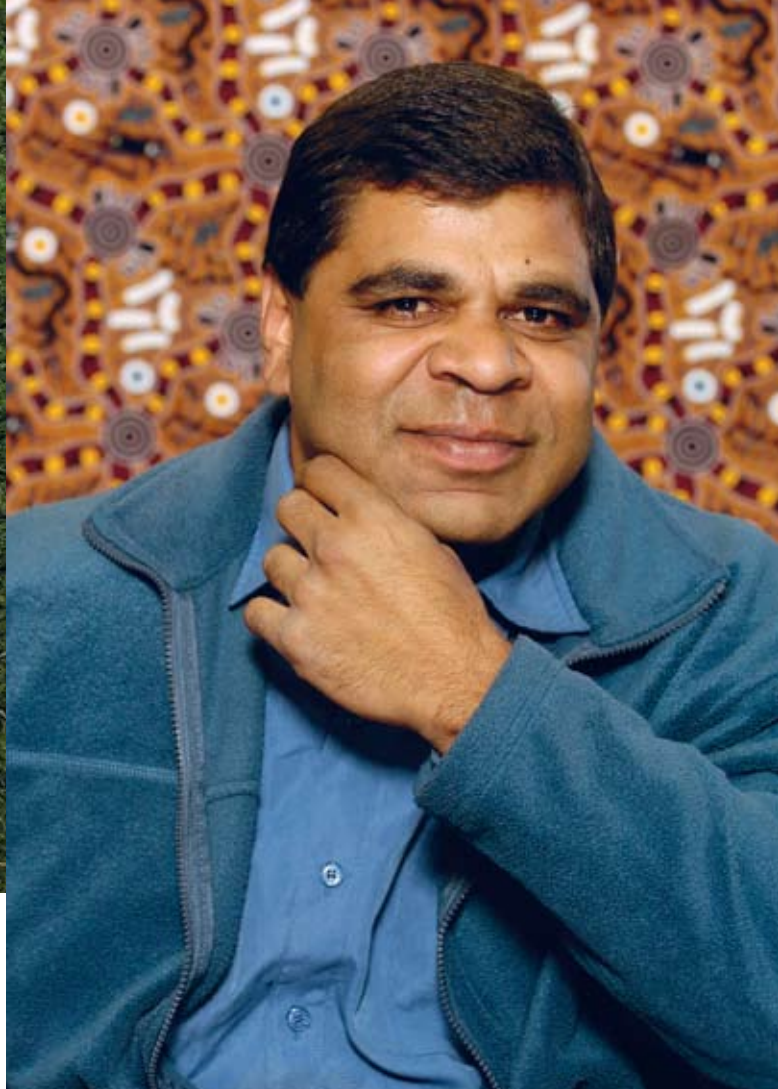
This course provides non-Indigenous and Indigenous students with a thorough understanding of the historical, social and cultural factors contributing to the poor health status of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It also creates an awareness of the sources of data and ways of assessing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island health and instils knowledge of current health status.

## Graduate Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

This Graduate Diploma provides students (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) with a thorough understanding of the historical, social and cultural factors contributing to the poor health status of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It imparts an awareness of the sources of data and ways of assessing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, and instils knowledge of current health status. Through various electives offered, students can choose to study more about: socio-cultural factors of importance in Indigenous health, health promotion, addiction studies and health services management pertaining to Indigenous health.

## Master of Arts (Indigenous Sector Management)

This course enables people working in the Indigenous sector to enhance their expertise as professionals. It provides opportunities for students (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) to develop their knowledge of the socio-political context of the Indigenous sector, their management skills, analytical and critical skills in policy formation, leadership, research and decision making.



# POSTGRADUATE DEGREE AWARDS

## Why pursue Postgraduate studies?

People undertake postgraduate study for a variety of reasons. The primary reasons are generally:

- Extension of knowledge and skills gained from previous study or vocational experience;
- Career progression – gaining competitive advantage, increasing earning potential and professional recognition;
- Change in career direction;
- Desire to enter academia.

## Postgraduate degrees available

There are two main streams of postgraduate programs to choose from – coursework or research.

### Coursework

Many of our postgraduate coursework disciplines offer Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters level courses which articulate, allowing you to progress from Graduate Certificate to Masters level in natural stages. Our coursework options are characterised by their flexibility and recognition of previous vocational and learning experiences. So, no matter what your circumstances we have a course that suits your personal and professional requirements.

### Research

A research degree involves the production of a written body of researched work, normally known as a thesis. The research will be developed over a period of time and involve identifying a topic, developing a proposal, conducting the research and producing the thesis. For those disciplines with a creative component, the study may result in a creative work (such as a performance or literary item) plus an exegesis to accompany the study and reflect on the creative element.

“The course has given me the knowledge I need to move forward personally and professionally.”

GEORGE DONALDSON  
ECU Postgraduate student

## Graduate Certificate

Graduate Certificates are a great way to diversify your current skills and knowledge with courses of only three or four units. Enhance your employability, develop a specialisation, move in a creative direction or simply formalise your existing skills and knowledge. The best part is they can be completed in as little as six months full-time study or part-time equivalent.

There are two kinds of Graduate Certificates. The first type can enhance your current knowledge and the second can diversify your knowledge. Graduate Certificates range from Business, Justice, Science, Health, Education, Indigenous Services, Management to Photography, Environmental Management, Writing, Children’s Literature or Aviation Medicine to name a few! Many Graduate Certificates require a completed Bachelor’s degree, however, some Graduate Certificate programs are available to people who have five years or more experience in the field regardless of their previous qualifications. A completed Graduate Certificate is a recognised pathway into many other postgraduate coursework programs, right up to Masters degree level.

Visit [www.reachyourpotential/experience](http://www.reachyourpotential/experience) and complete a subject search for your area of interest. If a Graduate Certificate comes up in your search, you can click on it to find out specific admission requirements, availability on or off-campus and optional electives or specialisations.

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