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Inspiring Minds Scholarship Recipient and PhD student in Melanoma Research

How you can help
With your help, we can expand the number of scholarships available and, in doing so, help our students realize their ambitions.

EDCU welcomes contributions of all sizes, as even the smallest donations can be pooled with others to create full scholarships. To support a full scholarship, donations start from just $3,000 per year. The Office of Advancement can also work with you to develop a scholarship that reflects your personal area of interest. This may include establishing a scholarship in memory of a loved one or an endowment fund in perpetuity. Donations for scholarships may be made as a one-off donation, annually or as a gift in your will.

The gap
In 2013 ECU had 353 students from low socio-economic backgrounds apply for equity scholarships. Only 45 equity scholarships were available meaning only 12 percent of the students in need were able to secure a scholarship.

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Quick facts

Edith Cowan University

- ECU has more than 23,300 undergraduate and postgraduate students across three campuses.
- The University achieved five-star ratings for teaching quality, graduate satisfaction and generic skills in the Good Universities Guide 2015.
- 42.6% of students are from a low socio-economic background*.
- 18.2% of students are from rural and remote areas*.
- 4.6% of students have a disability*.
- 1.1% of students identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander at home.
- 16.5% of students come from a low socio-economic background*.

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EQUITY @ ECU

EDUCATION is a global community, with many fulfilling critical roles in our society and making significant contributions towards a more inclusive, sustainable and prosperous community. By harnessing research excellence, working collaboratively, unlocking long held values and a commitment to serving the community, Inspiring Minds scholarship recipients, our future ECU Alumni, will provide solutions to some of Australia's most pressing issues.

Australian students

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- More than half of students report being worried about their financial situation*.
- An average of approximately 17 percent of students reported regularly going without food or other necessities because they were unable to afford them*.
- A number of students the best learning experience available to all and to increase the number of students displaying outstanding academic and professional excellence. To ensure that financial position is no barrier, we want to increase the number of scholarships on offer to allow more students the opportunity to study.

Helping our students to reach their full potential

Edith Cowan University (ECU) believes that every person in Western Australia should have the opportunity to reach their full potential, regardless of their background or circumstances. Our University is committed to breaking down barriers to education, focusing not on where people come from but what they can achieve with a university degree.

Inspiring minds is both our purpose and the outcome of an ECU education. It’s what we do and who we are.

The new Inspiring Minds Scholarship Program aims to attract the brightest students to ECU and enable those with financial difficulties to complete their degrees and fulfil their potential. There are people with passion and ambition who emerge with the right balance of practical industry-ready knowledge and academic excellence.

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We chose to be a part of this rewarding initiative as it will give a number of students the best chance of achieving their academic dream here at ECU.

Together as one we can make a big difference and I encourage others to join me in giving.

Michelle Adamson
Senior Project Advisor, School of Midwifery and Nursing