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WHO WAS EDITH COWAN?

BORN IN 1861 IN GLENGARRY, NEAR GERALDTON, EDITH DIRCKSEY COWAN BELIEVED EDUCATION WAS THE KEY TO GROWTH, CHANGE AND IMPROVEMENT.

EDITH’S CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION WAS SIGNIFICANT.

SHE STROVE TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CAMPAIGNED FOR THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, FOR THE POOR, THE POORLY-EDUCATED AND THE ELDERLY.

SO IT’S FITTING THAT THE STATE’S OLDEST EDUCATION INSTITUTION AND NEWEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITY, EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY, BEARS HER NAME.

ECU was named in the Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings for 2019. Recognising the world’s 150 best universities less than 50 years of age, the rankings are a global showcase of a new breed of university. They focus on performance indicators such as research, teaching excellence, international outlook and innovation, and highlight universities that are developing at an exceptional rate.

ECU is proud to be recognised for its research productivity, research influence, quality of teaching, industry innovation and international focus. And we’re looking forward to building on this success.
VICE-CHANCELLOR’S MESSAGE

Gain further qualifications, expand your career options and professional networks, and get an edge in your chosen specialisation with an ECU postgraduate degree.

We understand that your life is already busy and that’s why we provide a range of supportive and flexible study options, including part-time, online and on-campus. When you take into consideration our extensive range of postgraduate courses, high quality and supportive staff, and admission pathways that recognise your professional experience, you’ll realise that nothing can stop you reaching your potential.

All of ECU’s programs are designed with industry consultation. Our teaching staff have extensive professional experience and networks. It’s why ECU students can expect to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to meet the challenges of today’s workplace.

Our campuses at Joondalup, Mount Lawley and the South West (Bunbury) each have their own culture, yet they are united by the incredible diversity of the people working and studying there.

Regardless of where you choose to study, you’ll find an excellent range of facilities across our diverse subject areas.

Our Higher Degree by Research courses put you at the cutting edge of your field and can lead to employment within academia or in other professions that draw on research, training and experience.

These are some of the reasons that ECU has been named in the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2019, recognising the world’s best universities under the age of 50.

So be the graduate the changing world needs, and become world ready at ECU.

PROFESSOR
STEVE CHAPMAN CBE
VICE-CHANCELLOR

ECU is committed to reconciliation and recognises and respects the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ communities, cultures and histories. ECU acknowledges and respects the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the land. ECU acknowledges and respects its continuing association with Nyoongar people, the traditional custodians of the land upon which its campuses stand.
WE EQUIP YOU WITH THE CONFIDENCE AND PRACTICAL SKILLS TO DEAL WITH WHATEVER CHALLENGES MAY COME YOUR WAY, NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE IN THE WORLD. BUT IF THAT ISN’T ENOUGH, HERE ARE A FEW MORE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE ECU.

1. LEARN FROM THE BEST
Our high calibre staff have extensive experience as researchers, teachers, advisers or consultants and have significant professional experience in their field.

2. INDUSTRY LINKS
Many of our courses offer direct links with industry and organisations.

3. SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
We offer a supportive study environment with approachable teaching staff and a range of support staff, including counsellors and academic skills advisers, to help you get the most out of your education.

4. MORE CHOICES
We offer a diverse range of courses, specialisations and electives.

5. MORE FLEXIBILITY
Through a variety of entry pathways and study options, we enable people from all backgrounds to enrich their lives and their communities through education.

6. AWARD-WINNING FACILITIES
We are known for our award-winning facilities and are at the forefront of providing innovative education and training solutions.
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INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
You can travel the world while you study by taking advantage of our many exchange partners.

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PRACTICAL LEARNING
We offer learning that extends beyond the classroom via practicums, work integrated learning, and internships.

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5-STAR RATINGS
For twelve years in a row, ECU graduates have awarded us a five-star rating for teaching quality in the Good Universities Guide (2019).

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TOP RATED RESEARCH SCHOOL
According to the 2018 International Student Barometer, ECU’s Graduate Research School has been ranked among the top five in Australia in each year since 2011 with a satisfaction rating of 95% or higher.
ECU JOONDALUP

Our Joondalup Campus is set within beautiful surrounds and its spacious grounds provide a great place for students to study and relax. The campus is identified by its landmark architecture, from the grandness of our Chancellery Building with its elaborate spires, to our vibrant golden Ngoolark building and our state-of-the-art buildings for Business and Law, Engineering and Health and Wellness.

ECU Joondalup has world-class facilities for teaching and research, and provides offerings in commerce, engineering, law, medical and health sciences, natural sciences, nursing, computing and security, sports science, psychology, social science and teacher education. An extensive range of facilities, services and support are available, including a modern library with 24-hour access to the e-lab, a medical centre, a gym, cafés and a tavern.

ECU's new science building will provide students with the ability to study in innovative, technology-enabled, multi-purpose laboratories. The building will also strengthen our ties with industry by including floor space for a select number of organisations to partner with ECU for knowledge sharing.

The new School of Engineering building at Joondalup Campus significantly increases the School's research capabilities and supports the ongoing development of teaching and research programs.

Ngoolark is a one-stop shop, bringing most student-related services under one roof. This building is an ‘active space’, enhancing the vibrancy of the Joondalup Campus. This amazing building has the equivalent of a five-star energy efficiency rating and complements other award-winning architecture on Joondalup Campus.

Our Joondalup Campus is part of the Joondalup Learning Precinct, which includes North Metropolitan TAFE and Western Australia Police Academy. During the summer months, we bring mainstream movies to the big screen at the ECU Joondalup Pines Outdoor Cinema, thanks to a new partnership with Telethon 7 Community Cinemas.

ECU MOUNT LAWLEY

Located in the thriving cultural hub of Mount Lawley and close to Perth CBD, you can't help but be inspired by the artistic vibe at our Mount Lawley Campus. Offerings are provided in arts, communications, design, media and teacher education. Campus life is always buzzing, with our arts hub, cafés, a sport and fitness centre, and our vibrant Student Village all adding to your university experience.

Our Mount Lawley Campus is home to the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), giving you the perfect opportunity to enjoy the hundreds of performances and events that they host each year. Kurongkurl Katitjin, ECU's Centre for Indigenous Australian Education Research, is also located on this campus and is an invaluable teaching and support resource for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

ECU SOUTH WEST (BUNBURY)

Located two hours' drive south of Perth, our South West Campus in Bunbury is the largest university campus in regional Western Australia, offering small, personalised class sizes and on-campus accommodation. Offerings are provided in commerce, science, health sciences, nursing and midwifery, social work, exercise and sports science, and teacher education.

The campus features a café, mini-gym, new creche facilities, multi-purpose sports courts, two nursing demonstration wards, science laboratories and a library with 24-hour access to a computer lab. The South West Campus is co-located with the South Regional TAFE, Manea Senior College and two hospitals. There are also opportunities for international exchange with universities in sister city relationships with Bunbury, as well as ECU’s own Exchange/Study Abroad opportunities.
TRANSPORT
All of our campuses can be accessed conveniently via public transport. Our Joondalup Campus is located a short distance from the Joondalup Train Station, making it easy to catch public transport to ECU. You can simply walk from the station to the Joondalup Campus or there is a free CAT bus service that runs directly from the train station to the Joondalup Campus. The Mandurah train line provides even greater ease of access. If you live in Mandurah, all you need to do is jump on the train and you will be in Joondalup in an hour or less. Buses run frequently between ECU Mount Lawley and Perth CBD daily, and there are also direct bus services to many bus stations in the surrounding suburbs. A number of bus routes travel past ECU South West, and a few end at the Bunbury Health Campus, which is just a short walk away.

ACCOMMODATION
We have excellent student accommodation at all three of our campuses. At our Joondalup Campus, we have a multi-million dollar development that offers modern apartments over seven floors of accommodation and a range of enjoyable facilities including a recreation room, barbecues, and a swimming pool. Our $38 million student accommodation at Mount Lawley features state-of-the-art facilities such as a pool, café, student lounges with Wi-Fi, e-library and more. The Resident Assistant Team are there to provide support and assistance in all of the villages, ensuring you enjoy a full student life. Off-campus housing assistance is also available to apply for. For more information and to apply, visit www.ecuvillage.com.au

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES
At ECU, we pride ourselves on our industry-relevant, world-class facilities, that allow you to experience modern equipment in real-world environments. Our Joondalup Campus is home to exceptional, purpose-built health and wellness teaching and research facilities, which include self-contained simulation suites that have full video recording and interactive audio-visual technology.

Our School of Business and Law has a number of state-of-the-art facilities available to help students gain the practical skills employers look for, including the SMART Lab, Digital Hub and Law Moot Court. Our Engineering and Technology Building on the Joondalup Campus houses state-of-the-art laboratories, research areas for staff and students, innovative student project spaces and numerous other high quality teaching spaces.

ECU is building a state of the art science building as part of a $48 million project on our Joondalup Campus. Scheduled for completion at the end of 2019 the building façade will feature the largest permanent periodic table in the world.

Our impressive communications and arts hub is also located on our Mount Lawley Campus. The hub contains facilities for design, visual arts, fashion, broadcasting, animation, photomedia, motion capture and film, as well as two beautifully refurbished venues that showcase the research and creativity of our staff and students.

ONLINE STUDY
If you’d like to study at university but can’t attend classes for reasons such as distance, family or work commitments, then online study may be for you. We have a range of courses and units that are offered online, as well as excellent support services available to assist you while you learn. For more information, visit ecuworlready.com.au/online
ECU’s Equity, Diversity and Disability (EDD) services support students whose studies may be affected by a medical condition or disability, either their own or that of a family member that they care for. EDD staff can assist with liaising with academic staff, arranging alternative assessment conditions, access to some aids and equipment, note taking, AUSLAN 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, computers and other adaptive technology. All ECU locations have access for people with disabilities. Specific details are provided via ECU’s access and mobility maps at ecu.edu.au/campus-maps
FAMILY SUPPORT
- Childcare
- Parenting rooms
- Crèche
- ECU Kids Holiday Program (Joondalup and Mount Lawley)

STUDENT HUB
The Student Hub is a dedicated service centre that can assist with the following:
- Course information and advice
- Enrolment assistance
- How to resume a course following a deferral or discontinuation
- Extension of time, including time requirements for completion of courses
- Graduation eligibility

ACADEMIC SUPPORT
- Learning Advisers
- ECU Careers & Employability Services
- Equity, Diversity & Disability Services
- Academic Mentoring
- Study Abroad and Exchange Program
- Kurongkurl Katitjin, ECU’s Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research
- LGBTIQ supportive environment

FOOD & RETAIL
- Cafés and other food outlets
- Hairdresser (Joondalup)
- Bookshops
- ATMs

“ECU PROVIDES A HIGH LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR HIGHER DEGREE RESEARCH STUDENTS.”
As a staff member at ECU, it was an obvious choice to complete my Doctorate of Philosophy at ECU. I am excited by the prospect that my research could make an impact on children’s learning, their overall wellbeing and prepare them for the demands of the 21st century.

ECU provides a high level of support for Higher Degree Research students and I have taken full advantage of this through attending and presenting my research at the Australasian Journal of Early Childhood (AJEC) research symposium in 2018 and 2019 and the Fogarty Foundation Post-Graduate Research Forum in 2018. I am also a member of the Western Australian Institute of Educational Research (WAIER).

My greatest achievement has been the upgrade of my Masters to a PhD and the publication of my first article, which was also my greatest challenge. It was a whole new experience for me, but one where I chose to practice what I am researching and adopt a growth mindset.

FIONA BOYLAN
PhD candidate
Orienta tion
ECU’s essential orientation program runs for two weeks prior to semester start. We have a range of fun and informative events planned for students during this period which will help you successfully transition and thrive when starting your studies. Events are offered on the Joondalup, Mount Lawley and South West campuses. You can attend any event location, even if you study at another campus or are doing only online units. You can undertake a range of activities that will give you the skills to adapt to uni life, as well as help you become familiar with your course teaching staff and the support services available.

Online support
If you’d like to study at university but can’t attend classes due to reasons such as distance, family or work commitments, then online study may be for you. We have a range of courses and units that are offered online, as well as excellent support services available to assist you while you learn. Students are supported through mailing services from the library, telephone and email-supported services such as counselling and career advice, and online access to enrolment tools (SIMO) and unit materials (Blackboard).

Learning Adviser support is provided to assist with a range of study skills and advice on preparing assignments. They conduct workshops, prepare academic skill resources, support other academic staff in promotion of tertiary literacy skills and see students one-on-one and in group consultations.

ECU CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICES
ECU’s Careers and Employability team offer a range of services to drive employability outcomes and deliver world ready graduates to the work force. The team of qualified, professional Career Advisors offer personalised advice through one on one workshops, training sessions, mentoring opportunities and workshops.
Students can access this service through the Student Hub, alongside a number of services to help you through your university journey and step into a career within your chosen field of study.

FAMILY FRIENDLY ECU
Joondalup and Mount Lawley campuses have professional, fully accredited and well-equipped childcare centres for children up to five years old. Students will need to check for availability as the centres may have a waitlist. The ECU Sports Centre has a short-term crèche available in Mount Lawley and Joondalup. It’s open during semester for children aged two months to seven years. The South West Campus runs a similar crèche facility. For children aged six to twelve, the ECU Kids Holiday Program runs during school holidays in Joondalup and Mount Lawley.

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK SUPPORT SERVICES

“CLEAN WATER AND SAFE SANITATION FOR ALL.”
I have an interest in constructed wetlands for water treatment and disposal because of its potential to deliver clean water and safe sanitation with low greenhouse gas emissions and in an environmentally responsible way. I met my supervisor when he was a visiting lecturer at an Institute of Engineers Australia presentation. I realised that he was an international expert on constructed wetlands based at ECU in Joondalup. So I applied for admission to the PhD course so I could become an expert in constructed wetlands too.

In a recently published UN report, “More than 2 billion people [still] lack access to safe drinking water and more than double that number [4 billion plus] lack access to safe sanitation”. Goal #6 of the UN’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals states that by 2030 countries should, “ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all”. This motivates me to explore the potential for the Vetiver System to play a role in clean water and safe sanitation for all, in a cost-effective and environmentally sustainable way.

SIMEON KENDALL
PhD candidate
POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES

THE GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOOL (GRS) OFFERS SERVICES AND SUPPORT TO DOCTORAL AND MASTER BY RESEARCH CANDIDATES TO HELP ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF THE RESEARCH AND RESEARCH TRAINING EXPERIENCE AT ECU.

TOP RATED GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOOL

According to the 2018 International Student Barometer, ECU’s GRS has been ranked among the top five in Australia in each year since 2011 with a satisfaction rating of 95% or higher.

GRS provides a comprehensive training and social program including training workshops and seminars, academic resources, social and networking opportunities and peer-to-peer support.

UNIQUE SUPPORT

ECU’s research training environment is fully committed to the research student experience. GRS has a comprehensive range of innovative and successful support programs, including:

○ An orientation program and events to help you get started:
  • GRS Postgraduate Research Induction runs at the beginning of Semester 1 each year
  • GRS Research Student Support Coordinators provide an onboarding service to support students who commence throughout the year

○ A free comprehensive online and face-to-face research training program, to help you develop new research and professional skills

○ Special seminars with guest presenters from business and industry groups

○ Opportunities to network with other researchers

○ Annual writing retreat every year

○ Opportunities to collaborate with industry to advance your career (e.g. internships, industry-supported projects, etc.)

○ Support for planning your career beyond your research degree.

SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

ADVICE RESOURCES

(SOAR) CENTRE FOR RESEARCH STUDENTS

The SOAR Centre is a peer-to-peer service provided by 10 Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidates, called SOAR Ambassadors. The centre is focused on building social and academic networks, providing support for research skills training, career development and cultural transition for HDR candidates and Honours students. Visit ecuworldready.com.au/grs for more information.

“IT WAS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY COLLEAGUES WORKING IN ELITE SPORT TO STRONGLY CONSIDER ECU.”

I chose to study a postgraduate degree in Strength and Conditioning at ECU to improve my instructive skills as a sport performance coach with the Oklahoma City Thunder. During the vetting process for a master’s program, it was highly recommended by colleagues working in elite sport to strongly consider ECU. After doing my own investigation, it was an easy decision.

The degree is available online with a two-week on-campus practicum component, and offers a great learning opportunity to explore both the coaching and scientific side of strength and conditioning. The practicum was a once in a lifetime experience where I was able to establish a worldwide network of some of the brightest minds in the industry. During the course of my studies, I have learned skills that are applicable to my work as an Athletic Performance Coach in the NBA, and beyond.

WILLIE CRUZ

ECU Master of Exercise Science (Strength & Conditioning) student
There are several pathways to postgraduate study at ECU and you’ll be glad to know that you don’t necessarily need a degree to qualify. Real-life industry experience may count.

Visit ecuworlready.com.au/postgraduate for more information and to check any specific admission requirements of the course you are interested in studying.

Coursework Pathways

The majority of our postgraduate coursework disciplines offer Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters level courses.

Research Pathways

A research degree involves the production of a written body of work that makes an original contribution to knowledge, normally known as a thesis. The research will be developed over a period of time and will involve identifying a topic, developing a proposal, conducting the research and producing the thesis.

These represent the most common pathways, but other options are available.
POSTGRADUATE DEGREE AWARDS

THERE ARE TWO MAIN STREAMS OF POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS TO CHOOSE FROM – COURSEWORK OR RESEARCH.

COURSEWORK
The majority of our postgraduate coursework disciplines offer Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master level courses.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
A Graduate Certificate is a great way to diversify your current skills and knowledge with courses of only three or four units. The best part is you can complete them in as little as six months of full-time study. Some Graduate Certificates require a completed Bachelor degree; however, many are available to people who have five years or more of appropriate experience in the field, regardless of your previous qualifications. A completed Graduate Certificate is a recognised pathway into many other postgraduate coursework programs.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA
Our Graduate Diplomas comprise eight units in a particular discipline. They are available to you if you have already completed a Bachelor degree in any field and now wish to complete the equivalent of a major in another field, without attempting a second undergraduate degree. They generally entail one year of full-time study.

MASTER BY COURSEWORK
Masters by Coursework degrees are designed to provide a body of knowledge that includes the understanding of recent developments in the discipline and/or area of professional practice, and a knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to the field of work and/or learning.

Course length varies depending on the level of your previous qualification and if that qualification is in the same discipline as the Masters course.

RESEARCH

WHAT IS A RESEARCH DEGREE?
A research degree involves the production of a written body of work that makes an original contribution to knowledge, normally known as a thesis. The research will be developed over a period of time and will 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 (critical explanation or interpretation) to accompany the study and reflect on the creative element. All ECU research degrees require academic supervision, and as such, places are limited.

MASTER BY RESEARCH
Masters by Research degrees at ECU may be two years of full-time study depending on the discipline. Most involve one year of coursework or research skills development units before undertaking a year-long research program which results in the submission of a thesis or creative work.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is an opportunity to pursue a topic you are passionate about at the highest academic level.

A PhD consists of an independent, supervised research project that is assessed on the submission and oral defence of a thesis or creative work and exegesis. The thesis or creative work and exegesis is examined externally and must demonstrate a significant contribution to new knowledge, and an ability to carry out independent research of high quality.

A PhD may be undertaken in any School within ECU, provided there are supervisors available in your proposed research area, and the resources and facilities required to complete your proposed project are accessible. ECU encourages interdisciplinary research that may span multiple research fields or Schools to solve global problems. We encourage you to view the Research Activity pages of the School websites for ECU’s areas of research focus. As a PhD candidate, you will be expected to develop a project that can be completed in three years full-time. You may submit your thesis any time after 2 years of full-time study, and the maximum course duration for a PhD is four years full-time.

A PhD is a significant undertaking, and if enrolled full time you are expected to commit at least 35 hours per week to your research. The minimum admission requirement is an Honours degree (First or Upper Second Class) or a Master by Research.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (INTEGRATED)
The Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated) is a research degree commencing with a cohort-based foundation year of research preparation followed by an independent, supervised research project. The subjects covered in the first year support the development of the research project and include generic research training and discipline-specific units. These provide you with strategies for a successful research journey, appropriate research design and methodology, timely completion, and effective writing and communication skills. You must achieve an overall weighted average mark (WAM) of 70% in the first year of research preparation in order to continue into the thesis component of the course.

A PhD (Integrated) may be undertaken in most Schools within ECU, provided there are supervisors available in your proposed research area, and the resources and facilities required to complete your proposed project are accessible. ECU encourages interdisciplinary research that may span multiple research fields and Schools to solve global problems. We encourage you to view the Research Activity pages of the School websites for ECU’s areas of research focus. As a PhD (Integrated) candidate, you will be expected to develop a project that can be completed in three years full-time. You may submit your thesis any time after 2 years of full-time study, and the maximum course duration for a PhD (Integrated) is four years full-time. A PhD (Integrated) is a significant undertaking, and if enrolled full-time you are expected to commit at least 35 hours per week to your research.

The minimum admission requirement is an Honours degree, a Master by Coursework, or the equivalent in a relevant field from a recognised university.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

There are minimum admission requirements to enter our postgraduate courses. You must meet these in addition to any special admission requirements for the postgraduate course you intend to apply for. Most postgraduate courses at ECU are available to anyone with a Bachelor Degree, a Bachelor Degree with Honours or equivalent.

Some courses require specific qualifications or specific subjects to have been completed as part of their admission requirements. Many of our Graduate Certificate courses are available to people who have at least five years appropriate professional experience and who do not possess a Bachelor Degree or equivalent. In this circumstance, your eligibility will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for all courses should be lodged at ecuworlready.com.au/apply-postgraduate

For Higher Degree by Research courses, make sure you submit your application early.

WHEN TO APPLY

Commencement dates for Masters by Coursework, Masters by Research, Professional Doctorates and Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated) are usually late February and late July. To secure your place at ECU, submit your application as soon as possible.

Applications to undertake a Doctor of Philosophy (L61) are accepted throughout the year.

“THERE ARE SO MANY HIGHLIGHTS TO STUDYING AN INTEGRATED PHD AT ECU.”

Becoming a member of the ECU research community and having the opportunity to meet, work alongside, and get to know PhD students from across all Schools is a real benefit of the coursework component. I also love how much my general knowledge has increased. Not only have I received training and experience to assist me with undertaking a PhD, but I now have a broad knowledge of research-related industry, business and the media. Finally, I am enjoying how welcoming and inspirational the School of Education staff are. The genuine interest that the academic staff have in my research and their willingness to share their expertise makes undertaking an Integrated PhD at ECU an absolute privilege.

LEE BEATTY

ECU Integrated PhD Education student
FEES & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK TUITION FEES
The tuition fees you pay are based on what course and units you choose to study. You can estimate the cost of your tuition fees by using our online Fees Calculator. Learn more about the fees that apply to you by visiting ecuworldready.com.au/fees-postgraduate

PHD AND MASTER BY RESEARCH TUITION FEES
Australian and New Zealand citizens, and Australian permanent residents undertaking a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) are funded by the Commonwealth Government under the Research Training Program (RTP). Eligibility will be assessed automatically when you apply for HDR admission. PhD candidates are funded for a maximum period of 4 years full-time, or part-time equivalent; Master by Research candidates are funded for a maximum period of 2 years full-time, or part-time equivalent. Visit ecuworldready.com.au/fees-postgraduate for more information.

COMMONWEALTH ASSISTANCE
If you are enrolled in a full-fee course, you may be eligible to defer the payment of your tuition fees on a FEE-HELP loan. Some postgraduate courses are Commonwealth supported and you are charged only a Student Contribution amount. You may be eligible to defer the payment of this contribution on a HECS-HELP loan. For more information, visit ecuworldready.com.au/fees-postgraduate

STUDENT SERVICES AND AMENITIES FEE
The Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) is a compulsory payment collected by the University for the provision of a range of services and expanded initiatives in areas including health, counselling, sport and recreation, social clubs and societies, student welfare, careers advice, student advocacy, orientation and student representation. For more information, visit ecuworldready.com.au/fees

OTHER EXPENSES
You will be responsible for purchasing text books and any equipment required for your course. The cost of these items varies widely from one course to another. Other expenses that you may incur include food, parking, consumables such as stationery and photocopying, as well as transport costs to and from university, including any work placements or off-campus activities.

“I CHOSE ECU BECAUSE OF THE EXCELLENT REPUTATION IT ENJOYED IN THIS FIELD.”
I’ve always had a keen interest in the field of computer sciences and I found cyber security to be a highly dynamic and challenging discipline. Having decided to study cyber security, I chose ECU because of the excellent reputation it enjoyed in this field. My study experience here has been great and has presented me with a number of opportunities to build my career. The annual ECU Science Careers Fair was a great opportunity to meet and network with representatives from leading organisations such as Deloitte, KPMG, PWC and government agencies. I have found the lecturers at ECU to be very helpful and supportive and they helped us gain the skills required to make a successful transition from study to the workplace.

MAYANK MEHRA
Master of Cyber Security graduate and currently employed at the Department of the Premier and Cabinet of WA
ECU's Postgraduate and Higher Degree by Research (HDR) programs continue to produce quality graduates who are innovative and passionate contributors to their disciplines. So that we can continue nurturing these bright minds, we offer a number of funding opportunities in the form of scholarships and awards. You can find out more about some of our scholarships below.

For the full list, make sure you visit the ECU Scholarships website. Visit ecu.edu.au/scholarships/overview

**Scholarships & Awards**

**ECU Higher Degree by Research Scholarship**
Awarded based on academic merit and research performance, this scholarship is designed to help you undertake an ECU research degree. The scholarship includes a stipend to assist with living expenses while you study and a tuition fee exemption. Other allowances may also apply. The scholarship duration varies depending on your course: up to two years for a Master by Research and up to three years for a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Doctor of Philosophy (Integrated).

**School of Engineering PhD Full Tuition Scholarship**
The School of Engineering is offering scholarships to full-time commencing PhD students who can demonstrate outstanding research potential in an engineering discipline. The scholarships will cover the full cost of tuition and are offered for the duration of the course (up to 4 years), and include the cost of Overseas Students Health Cover up to $10,000 (where applicable).

**Industry PhD Scholarships**
These scholarships provide pathways for PhD candidates to link with an industry partner, community organisation, or government agency. That means you collaborate with a partner organisation for the duration of your degree, immersing yourself in an authentic industry experience whilst receiving research guidance from your ECU supervisor. This approach allows for candidates and supervisors to build professional networks, and ensures that our Doctoral graduates are industry-ready.

**Postgraduate Business Scholarships**
If you are a prospective student that can demonstrate employment or membership to a nominated organisation, or are an alumni of the School of Business and Law, you may be eligible for a Postgraduate Business Scholarship that provides a fee reduction for the duration of your coursework degree.

“I was interested in a Masters program that would broaden my view on environmental issues and equip me with the skills needed to tackle these issues on a multidisciplinary scale.”

I was excited to find that ECU offered exactly what I was looking for as the units in the Master of Environmental Science program are multidisciplinary, covering areas ranging from science to business. The work-integrated learning also attracted me to this course as it offers a good platform to transition into the working environment and apply the skills acquired. The course was amazing, the interactive sessions during the lecture seminars were very informative and provided a friendly environment to exchange ideas. I also enjoyed interacting with my course mates from different countries and it was great to share experiences. I am glad I chose to study this course.

**Patricia Ngati**
Master of Environmental Science graduate
ECU DONOR SCHOLARSHIPS

ECU administers many scholarships on behalf of private individuals or organisations. These individuals and organisations provide scholarships and awards with the aim of encouraging ECU students to successfully complete their studies. These scholarships include financial support, typically paid in instalments across your studies.

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of organisations provide information about scholarships for which ECU students can apply. These scholarships are not administered by ECU but they are advertised on our scholarships website for your convenience.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for these scholarships, please visit the ECU scholarships website, search for your preferred award, and complete the online application where applicable. You may need to provide additional information to fulfil the application requirements. For example, documents to show that you meet the eligibility criteria.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

When applying for an ECU scholarship, please make sure you do so between the opening and closing dates listed on our website. The online application will only be available between these dates.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out all the latest information about ECU’s scholarships, visit ecu.edu.au/scholarships

“MY LIFE IS ALL ABOUT ART AND CREATIVITY. IT’S WHAT I LIVE FOR.”

I had always been interested in both fashion and photography, and had heard great things about ECU’s arts and communications programs from my friends and teachers. ECU’s reputation and flexibility of being able to study both passions at the same time is what made me choose to study here. Studying at ECU has totally changed my perspective on what design is, techniques we use to communicate, and the practical applications of our work. I’ve learned a range of methods that helped me explore different ways to approach my collection, my research and my interaction with other designers and artists.

The facilities and staff are fantastic. The equipment is constantly upgraded and has everything that you need in a fashion studio. The lecturers and technicians are helpful, supportive and passionate. It’s been a great space for me to explore my creativity. And as an international student, the people at ECU made me feel so welcome.

WENBIN WANG

ECU Master of Design graduate
WORLD-FIRST BLOOD TEST TO DETECT MELANOMA

ECU researchers have developed the world’s first blood test capable of detecting melanoma in its early stages, a breakthrough that will save thousands of lives, as well as millions of dollars for the health system.

In a trial involving 105 people with melanoma and 104 healthy controls, the blood test was able to detect early stage melanoma in 79% of cases.

Australia has the second-highest rate of melanoma in the world, with 14,000 new diagnoses and almost 2000 deaths each year.

Lead researcher Pauline Zaenker believes that identifying melanoma early was the best way to preventing these deaths.

And because the blood test can pick up melanoma in its very early stages, when it’s still treatable, it makes this so exciting as a potential screening tool.

CUTTING-EDGE SPECTROMETRY AND PROTEOMICS FACILITY

Professor Michelle Colgrave has recently established a cutting-edge mass spectrometry and proteomics facility at ECU’s School of Science. The research group will explore grain biology with a focus on agriculture (grain quality, yield, environment interactions) and food/nutrition with many grain proteins known to be triggers of allergy or intolerance. The group will interact directly with ECU-based Pilot Malting Australia to explore barley varieties to find the perfect malt for the Australian beer industry.

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH MEDAL FOR ECU ARTS PHD GRADUATE

Arts and Humanities Writing PhD graduate Dr J.R. Jackson (known as Jackson) has won the 2018 University Research Medal for her thesis, “A coat of ashes: A collection of poems, incorporating a metafictional narrative – and – Poetry, Daoism, physics and systems theory: a poetics: A set of critical essays”. Jackson’s thesis explores how poetry might bring together scientific and spiritual world views, focusing primarily on physics and philosophical Daoism (Taoism). Philosophical Daoism, for Jackson, accords with the answers provided by the sciences, while telling us we are embedded in nature, not separate from it, and must work with, not against, its processes.

MASTERING THE ART OF AN ACCENT

Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) researcher Luzita Fereday has explored the needs of Australian actors when undertaking accent and dialect performances.

Ms Fereday works on around 15 shows each year with both musical theatre and acting students and helps them master up to 10 different accents in any given show. Fereday has adopted a multimodal approach to her teaching where all the areas of learning come together.
BUILDING ECU’S SCIENCE FUTURE

ECU is building a state-of-the-art science building as part of a $48 million project on our Joondalup Campus. Scheduled for completion at the end of 2019 the building façade will feature the largest permanent periodic table in the world.

Students in ECU’s School of Science and School of Medical and Health Sciences will benefit from the five-storey building which includes 2,800 sqm of purpose-built super-laboratories, which will meet Australian standards for handling potentially hazardous materials.

FRESH PURPOSE FOR AGRICULTURAL WASTE

New ECU research has found agricultural waste can be used to rapidly filter lead from wastewater. An ECU study found that canola stalks and lupin straw, which currently have no commercial use and are generally burnt after harvest, can strip up to 98.5 per cent of lead from wastewater. Associate Professor Mehdi Khiadani from ECU’s School of Engineering said using agricultural waste to treat wastewater compared favourably to current methods of filtering lead.

INDUSTRY BACKS ECU BROADCASTERS

Seven students from ECU’s one year intensive Graduate Diploma of Broadcasting are on the way to the careers of their dreams having secured paid internships with Channel 7, The West Australian, ABC News, Fox Sports News and Radio 6PR.

Tom Marlow, Sophie Ferguson and Chloe Taylor will be packing their bags for Sydney with $2,000 in their wallets and the opportunity to work with Seven Studios. Seven Network Head of Unscripted Productions Rikki Proost said Seven continues to be impressed by the quality of rising stars at ECU. "There is great reward in investing in young talent, nurturing the next generation of Australian content creators, especially when we see so many graduates stay with Seven as their careers advance.

"MY STUDIES AT ECU OPENED A RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES, NOT JUST LIMITED TO BECOMING AN ACCOUNTANT."

The campus is modern and facilities like the 24-hour study lab make it easier to fit in study. The lecturers knew what they were talking about and tutorial notes were extensive. It is important that you get enough materials to guide you through your self-study and ECU provided that. I met some great people during my time at ECU, and am now the chairperson of the ECU Young Alumni Network, which has provided an invaluable opportunity to build my professional network.

I always thought I would be an accountant, but upon graduating, I was hired as a trainer at a college where I taught Business and Accounting. ECU greatly broadened my skillset, and I felt confident in the knowledge I had to pass on. Although this isn’t the career path I expected to take, I love my current role.

CIARA O’HALLORAN
ECU Master of Professional Accounting graduate
**PEDAGOGIES FOR 21ST CENTURY CHILDHOODS**

21st Century Childhoods are enmeshed in a world that is experiencing unprecedented changes to the earth’s geological and ecological processes.

Vice Chancellor Professorial Research Fellow, Mindy Blaise is a leading early childhood scholar who conducts creative, multisensory, and ecologically responsive research that attends to children’s relations with the world. With Dr Jane Merewether and Dr Jo Pollitt, also from ECU’s School of Education, they are carrying out “W3”: An interdisciplinary inquiry that focuses on children’s relations with waste, water, and weather. Attending to such urgent concerns requires the team to draw from multiple theoretical perspectives, including environmental humanities, feminisms, postcolonial studies, Indigenous studies, queer theory, affect theory, new materialism, posthumanisms, children’s geographies, and so on. This research is generating pedagogies that interrogate and respond to the worlds in which children are already a part of.

**METAL INVENTION STRIPS IMPURITIES FROM WASTEWATER**

ECU researchers have developed a crystalline alloy that can strip impurities from wastewater in just minutes. Researchers have found a way to modify the internal structure of an iron-based alloy to develop a new type of crystalline alloy capable of stripping contaminants like heavy metals, dyes and other organic pollutants from wastewater. Lead Researcher Associate Professor Laichang Zhang from ECU’s School of Engineering said the technology could have significant applications in the textile and mining industries.

**STS LEEUWIN II CAREER CHALLENGE**

Earlier this year, Master of Business Administration International student Tabitha Syokau returned from the STS Leeuwin II, seven day Career Challenge voyage from Fremantle to Bunbury. Each year one deserving MBA student is awarded a scholarship to take part in the sail.

“What impressed me the most about the voyage was the teamwork and the leadership skills that were applied throughout the trip. As much as the Captain oversaw the ship, she still needed everyone else’s expertise for the ship to sail smoothly. The experience helped me realise that even if you are a leader or manager, it does not mean that you should know or do everything on your own.”

**PALEO DIET FINDINGS MORE THAN A GUT FEELING**

Researchers from ECU have just completed the world’s first major study examining the impact of the paleo diet on gut bacteria. The controversial paleo (or ‘caveman’) diet advocates eating meat, vegetables, nuts and limited fruit, therefore excluding grains, legumes, dairy, salt, refined sugar and processed oils.

Researchers, led by Dr Angela Genoni from ECU’s School of Medical and Health Sciences, compared 44 people on the diet with 47 following a traditional Australian diet.

They found more than twice the amount of a key biomarker linked closely to heart disease in the blood of people on the paleo diet.

According to Dr Genoni, those who promote the paleo diet often cite it as beneficial for your gut health. But this research suggests there were adverse differences in those who followed the dietary pattern.

**AUSTRALIA DAY ACCOLADE FOR ECU HEAD OF NURSING**

Professor Di Twigg AM has been recognised for her significant leadership and service to nursing in the 2019 Australia Day Honours List. Professor Twigg was among more than 1,100 Australians to be honoured in what was the largest Australia Day List in history.

The Executive Dean of the School of Nursing and Midwifery was appointed as a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia (General Division) by the Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove.

The Order of Australia is considered the most prestigious means of recognising outstanding members of the community at a national level.

**“ECU HAS SUPPORTED ME ALL THE WAY.”**

I wanted to choose a university whose foundation is strong and I like the fact ECU’s Master of Engineering is professionally accredited by Engineers Australia. Civil engineering is one of the core fields of the engineering industry. The benefit of doing construction projects during your Master’s studies is that you can exercise the technical skills learned at university. After completing my engineering practicum, I have been able to secure a position as a part-time Graduate Civil Engineer with a construction firm in Perth. The first site construction I was appointed at was a bridge construction project in the heart of Perth. Such an opportunity allowed me to not only build my experience as a site engineer, but also to work with a very efficient team of civil engineers and deliver the project. During my journey, I learnt that you can always get help if you ask. ECU has supported me all the way, through continued support of lecturers and through the help of student services.

**ARSHIL JAH**

ECU Master of Engineering student
PREVENTING INJURIES ON THE DANCE FLOOR

Dr Luke Hopper, from the ECU Dance Research Centre at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), is one of the world’s leading authorities on how dance floors are constructed, and how this impacts dancer performance and health. His research has developed best practice in dance floor design and construction towards safer floor surfaces around the world, to support training and prevent injury in classical dancers. It’s an approach that has seen his work identified as having a ‘high impact’ in the Australian Research Council’s (ARC’s) recent Engagement and Impact 2018 assessment. It comes after WAAPA’s research was also rated as ‘world class’ in the ARC’s recent Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2018 results.

VIDEO GAMES LIFT MATHS PERFORMANCE

New research from ECU found year 4 students who practiced mental maths skills for 15-20 minutes each day using a brain training video game improved their mental maths scores by 15-30 per cent.

Researcher Dr John O’Rourke from ECU’s School of Education said video games were particularly useful in a subject like maths where engagement levels from students was lower, particularly among students who struggled with the subject.

Introducing these games to the classroom, the research team saw real improvements in engagement and motivation.

Co–researcher Dr Susan Main said video games were not going to replace classroom teachers; the games are just another tool to enhance the learning process in classrooms. Students still need support in the classroom, but using these kinds of games to boost their performance is very effective.

CYBER SECURITY PARTNERSHIP TO PROTECT WA’S CRITICAL ASSETS

ECU will partner with the WA Government in a new agreement aiming to better secure WA’s public sector. The agreement formalises the existing relationship between the University and State Government and further recognises ECU as a world-leader in cyber security and will see the University’s expertise in the area utilised to help protect Western Australia. It will also provide valuable opportunities for ECU’s cyber security students to work with government agencies and departments on research projects and Work Integrated Learning.

“ECU’S MASTER OF CLINICAL NURSING COURSE OPENED UP OPPORTUNITIES I DID NOT KNOW WOULD BE AVAILABLE.”

I used the learnings and skills my ECU studies provided me to write a mentorship program for nurses, which was used by Bethanie Aged Care. This enabled me to improve real care outcomes for clients. From here I started my own consultancy business, Care Partnerships Australia, which builds awareness around aged care help and support services for families in Australia, Singapore and Malaysia.

Without ECU’s amazing, inspiring and supportive Nursing staff I would never have grown to find my true purpose in nursing.

MICHELLE HARRIS-ALLSOP
ECU Master of Clinical Nursing graduate
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