

EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY

# Research Degrees at ECU



# Welcome

Edith Cowan University (ECU) conducts world-class research that makes a difference through our focus on people, partnerships and results. As part of the vibrant community at ECU, our researchers help transform lives and change the world for the better.

At ECU we promote a cross-disciplinary and collaborative research culture, and are committed to supporting higher degree researchers throughout their research journey. Our Graduate Research School was ranked number one in Australia by the International Student Barometer in 2013, and provides a wide range of comprehensive training, resources, peer-to-peer support, networking opportunities and social events to honours, masters and doctoral candidates.

The University has a broad range of innovative research areas, and I encourage you to find out more about how ECU can help you reach your potential.

We look forward to welcoming and accompanying you on your research journey.

**Professor John Finlay-Jones**  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

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# What is a research degree?

A research degree involves making an original contribution to knowledge through the production of a thesis. The research will involve identifying a topic, conducting research and producing a 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.

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The Doctor of Philosophy is a supervised research degree program, over three years full-time (or the equivalent part-time) study. This culminates in the submission of a thesis or creative work plus exegesis.

## MASTERS BY RESEARCH

Masters by Research degrees at ECU may be one or two years full-time (or the equivalent part-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 includes the submission of a thesis or creative work.

## PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE

A Professional Doctorate combines both coursework and research over three years full-time (or the equivalent part-time) study. These programs are structured for industry professionals to develop an in-depth understanding of the latest innovation and technologies within their fields.



"I chose ECU because of its solid reputation and well-established courses. Having access to great facilities, top-quality supervisors and academic support has made my study experience fantastic."

**Carl Woods**  
ECU Exercise and Health Sciences  
PhD student

# Why undertake a research degree?

A research degree provides the unique opportunity to learn, develop skills and solve real-world problems. Some of the benefits of undertaking a research degree include:

- 1. Make an original, distinct contribution to knowledge through:**
  - Solving real-world problems
  - Developing an authentic, practical output to help benefit society
  - Publishing your research
- 2. Sense of achievement by:**
  - Finding and filling gaps in knowledge to help make a difference
  - Developing new skills and problem-solving abilities
- 3. Progress your career by developing:**
  - Critical and independent thinking skills
  - The ability to communicate and manage a research project
  - An area of specialisation
  - Transferrable skills sought by employers
- 4. Collaborate with experts by:**
  - Networking with the international community of scholars in your discipline



# Why pursue a research degree at ECU?

ECU has a vibrant research community that is committed to supporting research students on their research journey. We provide:

- Expert supervisors
- A wide range of valuable support services
- Comprehensive research training programs
- Career development opportunities
- Financial assistance and scholarships

Established in 1991, ECU has rapidly grown into a quality university that produces internationally acclaimed research.

Students and graduates at ECU are identified amongst the best in the world, with many fulfilling critical roles in our society. Their outstanding achievements have been recognised throughout Australia and internationally through awards, grants, scholarships and prizes.

According to the International Student Barometer, the Graduate Research School (GRS) was rated top in Australia three years running (2011-2013), and in 2012 and 2013 was ranked second in the world.

At ECU we are guided by the values of integrity, respect, rational inquiry and personal excellence. ECU has over 23,000 students, including over 3,600 international students originating from 104 countries.

ECU is committed to engaging with our community, and takes great pride in the number of mutually beneficial partnerships that have been developed in recent years that underpin and influence our engaged research and teaching.

Find out more information about the graduate research degrees we offer at [www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/research](http://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/research)



# Research Highlights

## MELANOMA RESEARCH RECEIVES FUNDING BOOST

ECU melanoma researcher Dr Elin Gray will investigate how to better target treatment for cancer patients after being awarded a \$750,000 research fellowship.

The five-year Cancer Research Trust Fellowship will strengthen Dr Gray's research into the role of circulating tumour cells (CTCs) in melanoma patients and expand to other cancer types.

Dr Gray's work will focus on how to analyse the genetic material of CTCs in a patient's bloodstream to allow for more tailored treatment.



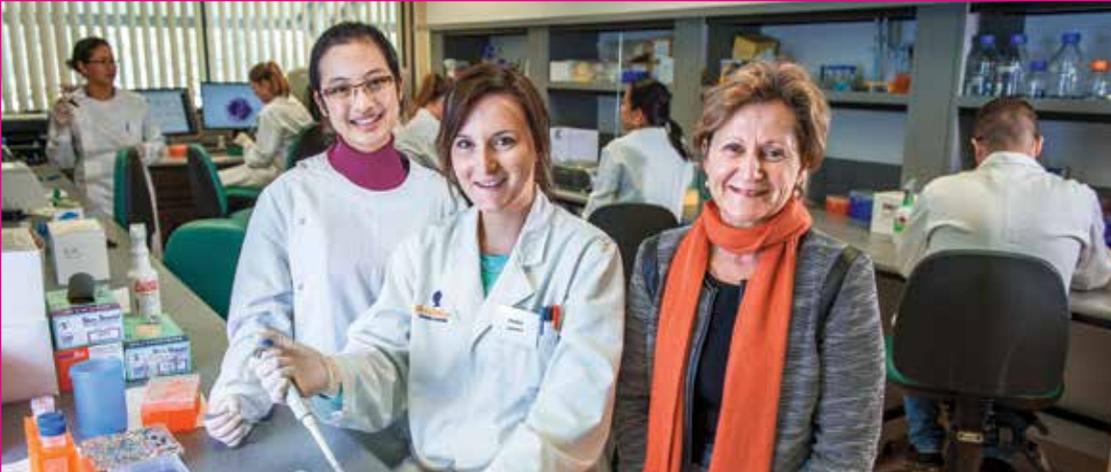
"This Fellowship recognises ECU's expertise in melanoma research and brings the analysis of cancer cells in the bloodstream a step closer to being used in treating patients," says Professor John Finlay-Jones, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), ECU.

## LITERACY ON THE MOVE

The Moving on with Literacy program, developed by School of Education researcher Dr Deb Calcott, is designed to help children develop the specific physical skills needed to read and write, such as holding a pen and tracking eyes across a page.

The program involves students singing and dancing along to action songs as modelled by their teacher. A year-long study in eight Perth schools has shown the movement program to be effective in improving students' beginning literacy skills.





## Research Areas

Identifying the University's areas of research strength has enabled a concentration of expertise and effort that is contributing to policy development, improving professional practice and delivering tangible outcomes. Our areas of research are:

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

ECU researchers are recognised internationally for their scholarship in preventative health, including research into early detection of disease, intervention strategies and rehabilitation.

### EDUCATION

ECU researchers collaborate with state and national education bodies to improve policy, curriculum, teaching effectiveness and student learning outcomes at every level.

### ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

ECU's research in this field includes biological and environmental sustainability and the interaction between ecology and human health.

### BUSINESS AND SOCIETY

ECU's nationally and internationally recognised researchers have developed applied research that has influenced government policy, organisational behaviour and decision-making.

### SECURITY, LAW AND JUSTICE

ECU security researchers investigate the ever-changing world of information, computer and network security. The University's researchers are instrumental in research that drives policy in the administration of justice and crime prevention, and have made inroads in the field of law.

### ENGINEERING AND ICT

ECU's engineering and ICT researchers are advancing a range of applied technologies for the benefit of sectors including telecommunications, health, agriculture, consumer electronics, energy and security.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND CREATIVE ARTS

ECU's communications researchers investigate the social and cultural implications of the media, explore the use of technology for instructional and information development, study the audience and consider the implications of communication in building community.

### SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

ECU is home to some of Australia's leading social and community researchers, particularly in the areas of Aboriginal studies and applied social research.

### ABORIGINAL CULTURE, EDUCATION AND HEALTH

ECU's focus is on Aboriginal translational research to inform policy-makers.

"I chose to study at ECU because it is an innovative and modern institution with supervisors who have fantastic research experience and a speech pathology department with a great research ethic."

**Katy Stewart**  
ECU Master of Social Science by  
Research student



# Research Institutes

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS INSTITUTE

The Health and Wellness Institute is a cross-disciplinary alliance of research centres and expertise with extensive national and international linkages. It is the first institute of its kind at an Australian university bringing together an expert team of researchers committed to improving community health and wellbeing.

In partnership with national and international networks, the institute enhances collaboration and promotes a holistic approach to health and lifestyle.

Ongoing research will further support the community, with the institute examining the role of exercise in: men receiving therapy for prostate cancer; promoting lifestyle changes in prostate cancer survivors; neoadjuvant chemoradiation in patients with rectal cancer; breast cancer related lymphoedema; cancer patients with advanced bone metastatic disease; patients with lung cancer; depression in later life; and men's health.

For more information visit [www.ecuhealthwellnessinstitute.org](http://www.ecuhealthwellnessinstitute.org)

## MEN'S CANCER GROUP SWEATS IT OUT

A study led by the ECU Health and Wellness Institute has found regular group exercise can significantly reduce the risk of depression in men with prostate cancer. The study involved men who had recently been diagnosed with prostate cancer and were receiving treatment. Half of the men were involved in a supervised, group-based exercise program involving twice weekly sessions, while the other half maintained their normal care.

After three months, the men in the exercise program reported 40 per cent lower psychological distress levels than those in the control group. The men in the exercise group also reported a five per cent increase in overall mental health and a four per cent improvement in social functioning.



## INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION RESEARCH

The ECU Institute for Education Research aims to enhance the quality of education and close the gap between high and low performing students and schools. This is achieved through conducting research and development that will reform education policy, enhance school leadership to achieve school improvement, and enhance teaching practice to improve student engagement and learning outcomes.

Through the work of the institute, evidence-based reform of pre- and in-service teacher professional learning is promoted in Australia and SE Asian and Pacific Rim countries.

The institute's aim is to conduct applied research in collaboration with industry partners that will impact on schools, teachers and students and the broader community; and translate research findings through development and consultancy activities into curriculum resources, evaluation tools and professional learning programs that impact on teaching and learning and school culture.

For more information visit [www.ecu.edu.au/schools/education/research-activity/edith-cowan-institute-for-education-research](http://www.ecu.edu.au/schools/education/research-activity/edith-cowan-institute-for-education-research)

## ELECTRON SCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Electron Science Research Institute (ESRI) carries out fundamental and applied research in microelectronics and photonics and ventures into related areas of nano-technology to develop novel integrated intelligent structures for applications in the ICT, health, agri-bio, security, sensing, defence and environment sectors.

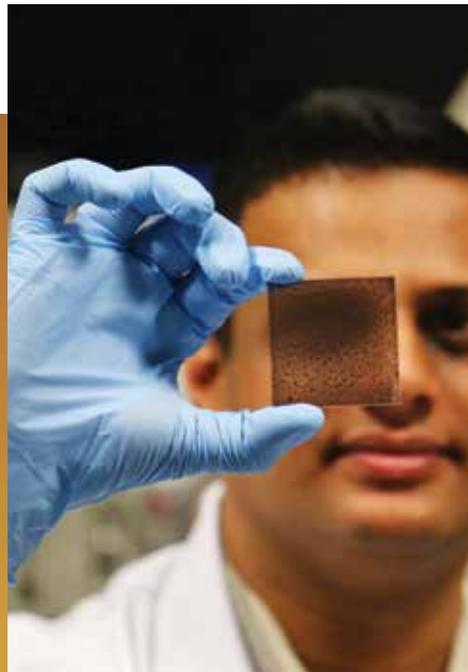
The institute's environment creates a dynamic frontier for postgraduate research and provides access to state-of-the-art facilities, attracting industry and government to engage in research projects.

Building on its excellence in micro/nano-photonics and electronic research, ESRI is currently extending its expertise and knowledge base into new areas such as advanced

precision agriculture, bio-photonics, high-efficiency solar cells, security and defence laser intruder detection systems.

ESRI has built strong links through close interaction with the Western Australian government and communities, as well as with national and international institutions and industries. ESRI has attracted industry research contracts for the development of micro-photonics-based prototypes.

For more information visit [www.ecu.edu.au/faculties/health-engineering-and-science/research-activity/research-centres/electron-science-research-institute](http://www.ecu.edu.au/faculties/health-engineering-and-science/research-activity/research-centres/electron-science-research-institute)



## BIG SAVINGS FROM NANO FILTER

"This sort of research, the kind that has the potential to really improve people's lives, is what we pride ourselves on at ECU," says ESRI Director, Professor Kamal Alameh.

An innovative new filter being developed by ESRI could cut the cost of running desalination plants by more than \$100 million a year. Desalination has the potential to provide fresh clean water in areas where it is scarce, but at present it is an expensive and energy intensive process.

## ECU RESEARCHERS CRACK CRIMINAL DRONES

Cyber-security researchers have identified a vulnerability in aerial drones which could allow law enforcement agencies to take control of them. Matt Peacock and Dr Mike Johnstone from ECU's Security Research Institute found it was possible to hijack the drones' WiFi connection from a laptop with the right software.

Drones have seen an enormous increase in popularity in recent times and are commonly used for crop dusting, commercial photography, biological studies and weather reporting.

The ECU researchers have investigated ways to prevent criminal and terrorist activities with similar devices.



## SECURITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

With a reputation as one of the leading digital security and forensic groups in the world, the ECU Security Research Institute conducts research in the area of computer and digital forensics, network and wireless security, information warfare, physical security, risk management and aviation security.

The institute has ongoing collaborations with various Australian and international partners, as well as a range of security related research alliances. The institute has attracted a world-class profile in a number of specific areas including, but not limited

to, computer forensics, network and wireless security, information warfare, network honeypots, physical security and risk management.

The institute's work is in high demand. With research success in a number of areas, the Security Research Institute is poised to become the paramount, end-to-end, security research program in the world.

For more information visit [www.ecu.edu.au/faculties/health-engineering-and-science/research-activity/research-centres/ecu-security-research-institute/](http://www.ecu.edu.au/faculties/health-engineering-and-science/research-activity/research-centres/ecu-security-research-institute/)

## International Opportunities

At ECU we are committed to the internationalisation of education, which enables students and staff to be recognised as globally-aware citizens.

We encourage our students and staff to undertake research in ways that embrace global and intercultural perspectives.

We have dedicated mobility funding to facilitate the development of your skills internationally through overseas research placements. Research placements are typically between one and six months at a partner university or research institution.

International research placements:

- provide the opportunity to travel while completing your degree
- widen your horizons intellectually, culturally and socially
- provide plenty of opportunities for personal growth
- improve your employment prospects

## Research Student Travel Grants

"I was fortunate enough to be based at Tokyo Metropolitan University (TMU) for two months. As one of Japan's top public universities, the standard of research, teaching and learning is very high at TMU. I learnt some innovative ways of programming both hardware and software.

I was also lucky enough to get a co-author credit on one paper describing an interactive artwork. I also have two papers in the works with my research collaborators and I will be maintaining ongoing ties with the professors that I worked with."

**Paul Haimes**  
AsiaBound Travel Grant Recipient  
and ECU Communications and Arts  
PhD student



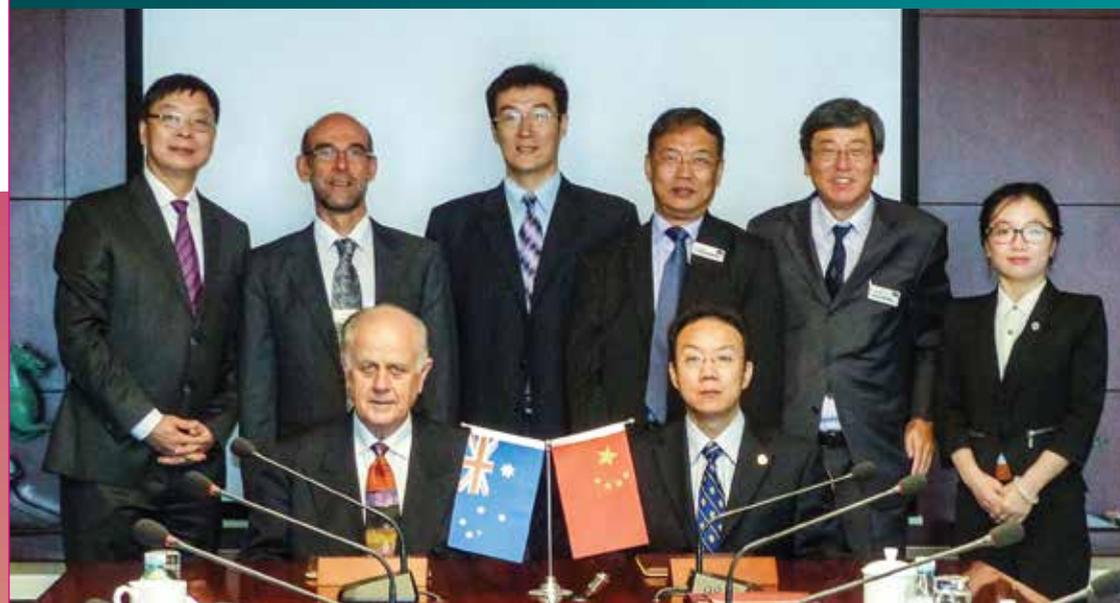
## International Partnerships

### VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT

Through the establishment of a joint scholarship with the Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam, in August 2013, ECU provides high quality research training to qualified students from Vietnam, with the aim of developing and strengthening research collaborations.

### CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL

An agreement was signed between ECU and the China Scholarship Council (CSC) in Beijing on the 13 June 2014. This highly-valued partnership with CSC will facilitate the recruitment of students supported by the Chinese Government to undertake a research degree at ECU.



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## Joint Doctor of Philosophy Programs

To support international endeavours, ECU welcomes the establishment of joint Doctor of Philosophy programs. These joint-degree arrangements expand the University's research collaborations, and enhance and deepen links to strategic partner institutions.

# Expert Supervision and Valuable Support

Our supervisors are dedicated to providing you with guidance and support in your pursuit of research excellence. Supervisors participate in regular professional development and training in supervisory practice to maintain and improve high standards of supervision.

Our research supervisors will inspire and guide you through your research journey. Identify an expert in your area of interest using our 'find a supervisor' tool [www.ecu.edu.au/centres/graduate-research-school/find-a-supervisor](http://www.ecu.edu.au/centres/graduate-research-school/find-a-supervisor).

You can meet our researchers and hear about their research on the Research YouTube playlist [www.youtube.com/edithcowanuniversity](http://www.youtube.com/edithcowanuniversity)

The Graduate Research School (GRS) has established an online Supervisor Register and Supervisor Compliance Training to support supervisors in maintaining compliance.

The GRS was also part of a national grant to develop a Supervisor Toolkit with over 100 supervisory tools, which is offered in workshops to help improve supervisor practice.



## OUR PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE: WEI WANG

Professor Wei Wang is a researcher in the School of Medical Sciences, and is also the Director, Beijing Municipal Key Laboratory-Centre of Excellence on Clinical Epidemiology, Beijing Municipal Government, China.

Professor Wang's principal interests are in human genetics and public health, where he is a specialist in medical genetics, genetic epidemiology, population health, inbreeding studies and paternity testing. He also has more than 100 publications in top ranking journals.



# Industry Engagement

ECU has a longstanding commitment to engaging with and serving our communities.

The University offers a range of industry engagement projects which link doctoral students with research in industry, community and government. Engaging with industry trains our graduates in a research environment that provides upfront career options which allow them to follow a research career, or one in the broader economy,

where they'll be viewed as valuable contributors with high levels of skill and creativity.

For more information on industry engagement projects, visit [www.ecu.edu.au/centres/graduate-research-school/graduate-research-opportunities](http://www.ecu.edu.au/centres/graduate-research-school/graduate-research-opportunities)

## INDUSTRY AND PHD RESEARCH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (iPREP)

ECU developed and implemented iPREP, which gives students in the examination stage the opportunity to work in interdisciplinary teams on an industry based project to solve an authentic workplace problem. The aim of iPREP is to familiarise industry with university research, improve employment prospects of PhD graduates, and develop professional skills needed in industry settings.



## Research Training and Support

In addition to your supervisor, there are several sources of assistance should you need it during your postgraduate research degree.

There are many dedicated staff members who can provide advice and support on academic and administrative issues related to postgraduate research. They include faculty research and writing consultants; research and higher degrees staff and student information officers; research ethics officer; specialist librarians; and research assessments, admissions and scholarships officers.

The Graduate Research School (GRS) offers services and support to doctoral and Masters by Research candidates to help enhance the quality of their research and research training experience at ECU.

Edith Cowan University's research training environment is fully committed to the research student experience, and GRS has a range of innovative and successful support programs.

The GRS workshops are free and will help you to develop new research and professional skills, plus providing the opportunity to network with other researchers. We also offer regular social events to encourage a collaborative and supportive peer network.

The GRS training program is comprehensive, and includes more than 25 interactive workshops on starting your research journey; quantitative and qualitative research skills; and writing and presenting your research. Other features of the GRS training and support program include:

- **English as an Additional Language training:** a free 6-week course offered each semester for postgraduate researchers.
- **Writing retreats:** a week-long escape to a scenic location to focus on thesis writing.
- **Journal Article Writing groups:** 6-week course to draft your first journal article.
- **3 Minute Thesis Competition:** part of a national competition to help you develop communication and presentation skills.
- **InSPiRE:** a week-long inter-university research training conference held annually.
- **Research Network Series:** monthly lunchtime seminars to support your professional and career development.
- **Industry engagement programs**

Selected training sessions are available on weekends and GRS also offers extensive online support through the following:

- **GRIP:** online induction to help you start your research journey at ECU.
- **MyPLAN:** your individual portal for personal development plans and creating e-portfolios.
- **GRS Research Workshops Blackboard site:** recordings and training materials from GRS workshops, special seminars and SOAR sessions.
- **Epigeum online courses:** statistical courses and research integrity training for different disciplines.

For more information visit [www.reachyourpotential.com.au/grs](http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au/grs)

### INTER-UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL: POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH EXCELLENCE (InSPiRE)

Established by the Graduate Research School, InSPiRE brings together the expertise of all five Western Australian universities to provide an annual, week-long research training conference for all research students with guest speakers, interactive workshops and networking events. The conference encourages postgraduate researchers to interact with students from other universities to share resources and expertise, and develop new collaborations and networks valuable for future careers.

## The SOAR Centre

The SOAR Centre (Support – Opportunities – Advice – Resources) is a free, peer-to-peer service open to higher degree by research and honours students.

The SOAR Centre provides support and information with a focus on a wide range of research skills training and career development.

The SOAR Centre will help you become an active member of the ECU research community. We support your academic and professional development by directing you to relevant training, resources and other ECU services.

The Centre is run by skilled Ambassadors who are also research candidates who offer knowledge and experience developed through their own research journey. You can meet with Ambassadors in our SOAR Centre for one-to-one support or group workshops.

SOAR serves as an essential meeting point for support and collaboration, and connects candidates from a range of backgrounds, cultures, ages and academic disciplines.

In addition to their research skills and knowledge, Ambassadors are also available for a chat about anything to do with your research or student experience.

For more information visit <http://intranet.ecu.edu.au/research/fors-research-students/soar-centre>



## Social Networking Events

GRS promotes an enhanced research culture, engagement, collaboration and communication through research related seminars, workshops, social events and networking opportunities. Social events include informal monthly lunch time sessions; coffee mornings at alternate metropolitan campuses; and end of semester barbecues for research students and their families.

## Am I eligible?

We assess your application into our research degrees using the following criteria:

- Whether you meet minimum English and entry requirements to enter ECU, and any special admission requirements for the course;
- Your academic performance in previous courses, i.e. undergraduate, Honours and postgraduate courses;
- Your research capability and experience, demonstrated in any research courses you have undertaken previously;
- Whether your research topic fits into our research activities; and
- Whether we have staff available to supervise your research.

Typically, to be accepted into a research degree you should have completed as a minimum a four year degree with a research component.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate capacity to undertake original PhD level research. There are several entry pathways you can use to enter our postgraduate courses. For more information, visit [www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/postgraduate/how-to-get-into-ecu/entry-pathways](http://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/postgraduate/how-to-get-into-ecu/entry-pathways)



"Through my studies I developed key relationships in the industry. Studying at ECU has provided me with the contacts and experience I will need in the workforce. ECU has equipped me with the skills to think fast, to present on the spot and to know where to look for information."

**Teresa Kasprzyk Cunow**  
ECU Computing and Security  
PhD student

## Scholarships

We are committed to undertaking high quality research and provide you with personal research facilities and financial support to further your study. We provide research funding to assist with data collection and/or conference attendance. ECU has various scholarships available for current and prospective research students to provide financial support to assist with education and living costs.

### DOMESTIC STUDENTS

The fees for research degrees may be fully-funded by the Australian Government via the Research Training Scheme. Scholarships for domestic students provide an annual living allowance (AUD \$26,000 tax free) and thesis allowance.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ECU's international scholarships are both prestigious and highly competitive. These scholarships provide the recipient with a living allowance (AUD \$26,000 per annum tax free), tuition fees and health care cover for the duration of the research program (approximately AUD \$25,000 per annum).

With the support of an ECU scholarship, we want to help you realise your ambitions. Scholarships aim to help you successfully complete your research journey by improving your financial situation. For more information on scholarship opportunities, visit the Higher Degree by Research Scholarships web page [www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships/scholarships-by-pathways/higher-degree-by-research](http://www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships/scholarships-by-pathways/higher-degree-by-research)



## Inspiring Minds Research Scholarships

The Inspiring Minds Scholarship is available to Australian residents and is valued at \$40,000 per annum (tax free) and offers you the opportunity to undertake a PhD at Edith Cowan University. These scholarships link exceptional students with highly qualified supervisors and research facilities.

## How to Apply

### 1. FIND A POTENTIAL SUPERVISOR IN YOUR RESEARCH FIELD OF INTEREST

Search our 'Find a supervisor' database to identify researchers in your field of interest. You can search by school, faculty, field of research, or keyword for a list of research active staff. Select the name of the researcher for more detailed information about their research activity, including qualifications, publications and grants. You'll also be able to see if they are currently supervising any other research students. Visit [www.ecu.edu.au/centres/graduate-research-school/find-a-supervisor](http://www.ecu.edu.au/centres/graduate-research-school/find-a-supervisor)

From time to time our schools and faculties seek prospective master by research or PhD students to undertake research projects on a particular topic. These may be individual projects or collaborations with other institutions or industry partners. In some cases, the projects may also include funding opportunities such as scholarships. For information on current research projects seeking research students visit [www.ecu.edu.au/centres/graduate-research-school/graduate-research-opportunities](http://www.ecu.edu.au/centres/graduate-research-school/graduate-research-opportunities)

### WHEN TO APPLY

Applications for a place are usually accepted throughout the year, but scholarship applications must be made by the advertised deadlines.

### 2. CONTACT PROSPECTIVE FACULTY

Contact the prospective faculty research and higher degrees offices for more specific advice on supervisor availability and contact protocol.

### 3. COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM

You can find the application form and information on required supporting documents at [www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/apply/research-applicants](http://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/apply/research-applicants)

### 4. ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

If your application is successful, you will receive an unconditional or conditional offer.

For more information on applying for a research degree visit our Future Students website [www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/apply/research-applicants](http://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/apply/research-applicants)



## Our Alumni

Anyone who graduates from ECU becomes part of the alumni community, a 140,000-strong global network living and working in 125 countries around the world.

If you are an alumnus of ECU, please make sure you keep your contact details up to date with us, so we can ensure you have access to all the benefits and opportunities available for you.

We are very proud of our alumni and everything they achieve – so make sure that you let us know about your successes since graduating. Just email us at [alumni@ecu.edu.au](mailto:alumni@ecu.edu.au) to tell your story.

### EVENTS

We hold many fantastic events throughout the year exclusively for alumni, from career-focused workshops and professional networking events, to large-scale social events both on and off-campus.

### COMMUNICATIONS

We send regular eNews to all alumni about upcoming events, alumni stories and University achievements. We also have an active presence on social media, so make sure you join us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn for news and special offers.

### CAREERS

ECU's Careers and Leadership team provides ongoing support to alumni including ECU's CareerHub software and special careers events and workshops run specifically for alumni.

### GETTING INVOLVED

Alumni are invited to get involved with a variety of university programs, including mentoring, guest speaker events and focus group sessions. For alumni based outside Australia, you could become an alumni ambassador, representing ECU locally. We can also support you to organise your own reunions and local events wherever you are in the world, just get in touch to see how we can help your project.

### BENEFITS

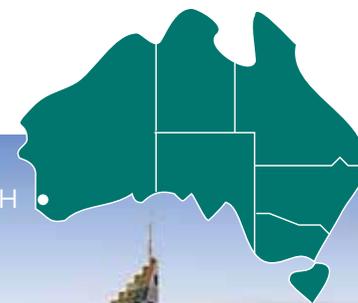
Did you know that alumni can access exclusive benefits through our Alumni Advantage membership scheme? Benefits include continued access to the library, discounts for using campus facilities and much more.

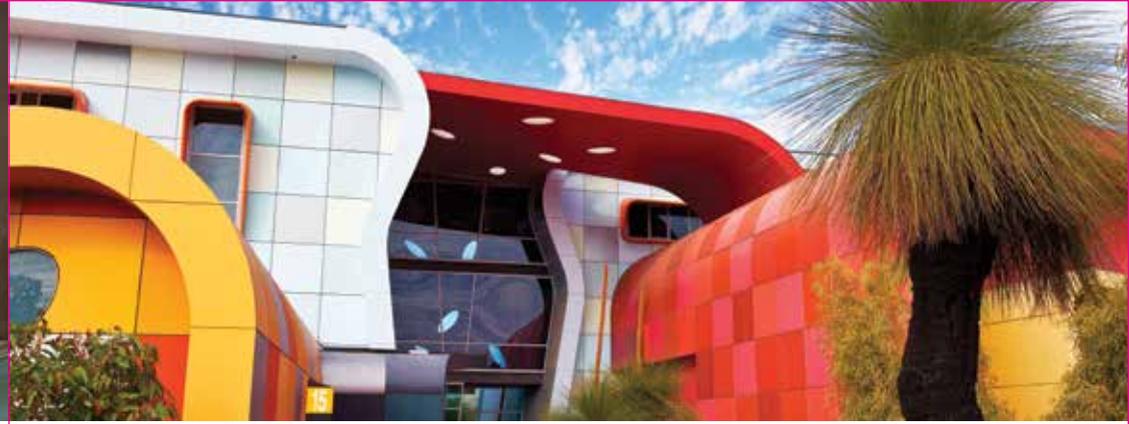
To find out more and to apply for your free membership, take a look at our website [www.ecu.edu.au/alumni](http://www.ecu.edu.au/alumni)

## Facts about Perth

Perth, located in Western Australia (commonly referred to as WA), is Australia's sunniest capital, averaging 3,000 hours of sunshine per year. Perth is the only Australian capital where you can appreciate the beach lifestyle, savour world-class local wines, take in a beautiful ocean sunset and unwind in the bushland, all within a 30-minute drive from the city centre.

- With over 275 international flights arriving and departing each week, getting to Perth is both easy and convenient.
- English is Australia's official language. However, because of the large immigrant population, there is a wide range of other languages spoken such as Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Malay, Tamil and Vietnamese.
- Perth has a Mediterranean climate with hot dry summers and mild wet winters; there is very little rainfall in summer with most of the rainfall coming in winter. However, even in winter, Perth still enjoys plenty of warm sunshine, so it is no wonder Western Australians love the outdoors.
- Weekends are filled with visits to beaches and marinas, lakes and rivers, or national parks and gardens. People also enjoy socialising and entertaining friends around private backyard swimming pools and barbecues.
- Strong multiculturalism and immigration has contributed to Perth's diverse cuisine, such as Thai, Chinese, Indonesian, Malaysian, Mexican, Italian, Vietnamese, Singaporean, Indian, Japanese and Korean.
- Perth's local time is eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.





## Our Campuses

ECU has world-class facilities for teaching and research, and offers courses in arts, business, communications, computing and security, engineering, health sciences, law, natural sciences, nursing, sports science, psychology, social science and teacher education.

### ECU JOONDALUP

Our Joondalup Campus is set within beautiful surroundings 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, multi-hued library and our state-of-the-art Health and Wellness Building.

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.

Our Joondalup Campus is part of the Joondalup Learning Precinct, which includes ECU, the Police Academy and the West Coast Institute.

During the summer months, we host the Lotterywest Festival Films at the ECU Joondalup Pines Outdoor Cinema, where moviegoers can enjoy watching a diverse line-up of international films.



### ECU MOUNT LAWLEY

Located in the trendy suburb of Mount Lawley and close to Perth Central Business District (CBD), you can't help but be inspired by the artistic vibe at our Mount Lawley Campus.

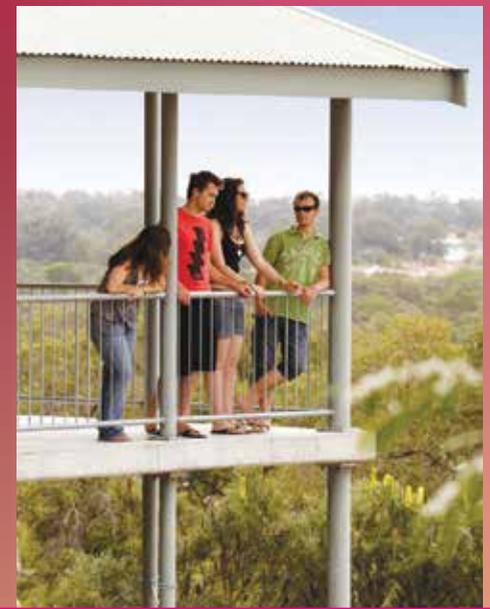
Our Mount Lawley Campus is home to the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), giving you the perfect opportunity to enjoy the hundreds of performances and events that they host each year.

Kurongkurl Katitjin, ECU's Centre for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Education and Research, is also located on this campus and is an invaluable teaching and support resource for our Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students. Campus life is always buzzing, with cafés, a sport and fitness centre and Student Village – all adding to your university experience.

### ECU SOUTH WEST (BUNBURY)

Located less than 200km 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.

The campus features a café, mini-gym, multi-purpose sports courts, two nursing demonstration wards, science laboratories and a library with 24-hour access to a computer lab. The Bunbury Campus is co-located with the South West Regional College of TAFE, Manea Senior College and two hospitals.



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