



Kurongkurl Katitjin
Edith Cowan University



2025 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Guide



Creative thinkers
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Unlock your superpower.

Creative thinking.

It's essential for tackling challenges.

Seizing opportunities.

For today.

But more importantly, tomorrow.

And it's not limited to 'creative' roles.

It's essential for **all** roles.

It's not a skill people are **born** with.

So at ECU, we **teach** it.

So you can give your future...**superpower**.



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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 Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our campuses are located.



Read more

ecu.edu.au/about-ecu/indigenous-matters

Elder-in-Residence message



Ni! Malitj wer kaadidjiny, noona maat-bidi yaaginy moordidjabiny koorliny.

Listen! Grow in knowledge and understanding as you share your journey towards a brighter future.

I have been around for a while. I have lived through many changing policies affecting our people's journey. My family fought for the right of mainstream education. I have been involved with education for many years and have been privileged to gain the right to teach our local Noongar language.

I have overcome many social obstacles and would consider it a privilege to support you in your journey through the education system.

I am on campus and my door is always open. I see you all as extended family and I am known by many as Nan Roma.

Ngany nidja, noona yoowarl koorl – I'm here, come and visit.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor's message



Edith Cowan University believes in the transformative impact of education. We are proud of our long-standing commitment to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people realise their dreams and aspirations, through furthering their education.

We understand that such a commitment changes the lives of not only the individual, but also the lives of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities.

As the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student, Equity and Indigenous), I am responsible for ensuring that we as an institution, are places of success for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Kurongkurl Katitjin, ECU's Centre for Indigenous Education and Research, are a wonderful team who look forward to walking with you on your university journey.

I encourage you to become one of more than 700 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates to have chosen our university as the starting place for the rest of their journey in life.

On behalf of the ECU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, we wish you all the best on your future endeavours and hope to see you in the near future.

Professor Braden Hill

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student, Equity and Indigenous)



Kurongkurl Katitjin

We are committed to walking with you on your university journey.

Kurongkurl Katitjin, pronounced *koor-ong-kurl cut-it-chin*, is a Noongar phrase meaning ‘coming together to learn’. It’s also the name of our Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research at ECU.

The Centre’s mission is to *transform lives and enrich society through meaningful community engagement, innovative student support, high-quality teaching, impactful research and cultural leadership.*

Kurongkurl Katitjin, Edith Cowan University’s Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, plays a vital role in assisting the University to meet its commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We support university-wide activities and programs, as well as activities specific to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their cultures.

This includes:

- Engaging closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities;
- Assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff to realise their full potential;
- Ensuring that individual differences and diversity are respected; and
- Contributing to community development and sustainability through Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, staff and graduates.

Kurongkurl Katitjin provides additional support services and programs to help meet the academic and cultural needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and to help you flourish and succeed in your studies.

At the end of your student journey, you too will be a valued member of ECU’s growing community of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander alumni.



“I chose to study Education at ECU South West as I believe the smaller campus offers a great sense of community.”

Brooke Cuthbertson
ECU Primary Education graduate



Why study at ECU?

There are so many good reasons to choose ECU for study. Here are some of the better ones.



Get career ready while you study

During your studies, we'll help you build your personal brand to prepare you for a new career.



Industry partnerships open doors to you

Exciting internship or prac placements through our partnerships with IBM, West Coast Eagles, state-wide schools, hospitals and more.



Travel overseas as part of your studies

In lots of courses, you'll have opportunities like study exchanges with other unis, study tours and more.



Become a creative thinker

Creative thinking is a skill that's highly valued by employers and we'll help you make it your superpower.



Know you'll be supported

We'll help you adjust to your new life as a student, whatever your study or personal challenges.



Experience 5-star teaching

Your lecturers and tutors will help you get the best out of yourself and will introduce you to new networks and possible employers.



Get practical experience outside the classroom

You'll quickly turn theory into practice with work experience opportunities like internships, practicums and more.



Build your own degree

For many courses, you can choose major subjects and electives to tailor your studies to your passions.

Life as a student

It doesn't matter if you've just left high school or you haven't been a student for a few years, study at uni is a whole new world.

The good news is, no matter what your study challenges, we're ready to help you succeed.



Adjusting to study, whatever your situation

At ECU, we'll support you through your studies whatever your personal circumstances. Our Access & Inclusion team will work with you to identify reasonable adjustments to your study and uni life.

This includes if you have a medical condition or disability or have responsibilities for caring for a family member in a similar situation. It might also include ensuring you can continue to observe any cultural or religious practices.

This support may include:

- Liaison with academic staff about any potential barriers a student may face and any reasonable adjustments that may be required.
- Alternative format study materials and alternative assessment and examination conditions.
- Access to a range of assistive equipment, software and technology.
- Provision of note-takers, scribes or Auslan interpreters.
- Library assistance.



Free counselling service

If you need to discuss any personal issues that may be affecting your ability to study, we have a free, professional and confidential counselling service.

Careers and Employability Services

You can get support and resources to help you plan your career, including:

- Career advisory resources, workshops, events and appointments for current students and ECU graduates.
- A broad range of volunteer work opportunities are offered through CareerHub. Give back to the community while building your employability skills and developing professional networks.
- Opportunities for current students to build their leadership skills by mentoring first-year ECU students in their course or learning area.



For more information —
ecu.edu.au/careers-and-employability-services



Social activities

There is always something going on within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ECU community. You can take advantage of exciting activities and events, including:

- Student Ambassador opportunities.
- Free student lunches during each semester.
- Opportunities to be involved within ECU student life (photo shoots, videos and more).

Student health services

All ECU campuses have student health centres with doctors (GPs), nurses and allied health services to assist you if you need them.

Sports and gyms

Being physically active positively stimulates your student brain and helps you reduce the stress of assignment deadlines or exams.

So, it's a good thing that our campuses have terrific sports and gym facilities. You can also join group fitness classes, social sports teams or attend regular healthy activities like yoga classes.

Kurongkurl Katitjin promote a number of sporting activities available through ECU Sport and Fitness for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. These events promote a great environment that celebrates the rich sporting culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Childcare for parents If you're a student with kids, our campuses provide professionally accredited Childcare Centres, and ECU Sports Centres offer short-term crèches.



“The proactive communication and support I have received has been outstanding.”

Odin Lepp
ECU Cyber Security student

Where will you study?

ECU has three campuses in Western Australia, located across Whadjuk and Wardandi land. Each has modern facilities, including wireless internet, 24-hour access to computer labs, libraries with open study spaces and a safe environment for you to study in — either alone or with other students.



Joondalup Campus

The campus is only 25km north of Perth and a short walk or bus ride from the Joondalup Train Station and Lakeside Joondalup, one of the largest shopping centres in WA.

Joondalup Campus features award-winning architecture, cafes, a bar, an outdoor cinema, a lake and loads of trees and green spaces for study.

Here, you can study business, law, engineering, psychology, nursing, health sciences, cybersecurity and other science-related courses.



Mount Lawley Campus

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 this campus.

Here you'll find the world renowned Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, students pursuing creative careers in Arts and Humanities, along with the next generation of aspiring teachers studying in our School of Education.

The campus is also home to Kurongkurl Katitjin, ECU's Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, an invaluable teaching and support resource for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

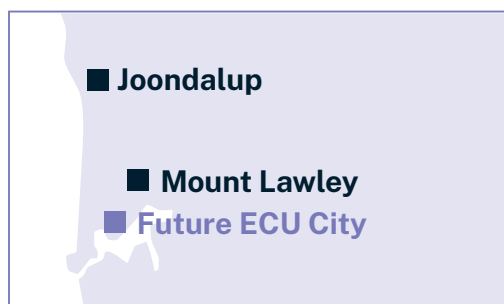


ECU South West Campus

Located two hours' drive south of Perth, ECU South West in Bunbury is the largest university campus in regional Western Australia.

Here, you can expect small, personalised class sizes and courses in commerce, science, health sciences, nursing, social work and teacher education.

The campus features a café, crèche facilities, multi-purpose sports courts, and a library with 24-hour access to a computer lab.



Boorloo
(Perth)

ECU South West,
Bunbury

Western Australia

Study at home

Most of our courses and units are offered online. So, if you can't attend a campus for reasons like distance, family or work commitments, online study may be for you.

Being online doesn't mean we'll forget you either. You'll still have access to all our student support services.



For more information —
ecu.edu.au/online

Student accommodation on campus

Student accommodation is available on all campuses, including facilities like student lounges with Wi-Fi, barbeques, and a swimming pool. ECU Village staff can also help you find off-campus housing.



For more information and to apply —
ecuvillage.com.au

ECU City

ECU City is our exciting new campus in the centre of Perth CBD that's due to open for classes in 2026.

It's the future of university education — urban, connected, integrated with business and community — and part of the lifeblood of our thriving city.

And it will transform the city of Perth, delivering a world-class Creative Industries, Business and Technology precinct.



Programs you'll find there:

- Courses in dance, aboriginal performance, musical theatre, acting, music and production and design through the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.
- Creative industries programs such as broadcasting and digital journalism, visual arts, design and communications.
- WA Screen Academy programs in cinematography, film directing, documentary-making, production and screenwriting.
- Courses in business, commerce and law.
- Technology programs from the School of Science, with its leading teaching and research.
- Kurongkurl Katitjin, the university's Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, alongside the University Pathway Program.



Discover more at —
citycampus.ecu.edu.au

Careers and courses

At ECU, we know you're not just here for a great student experience. It's all about your future. So, whether you know what kind of career or job you'd like to pursue, or you're still open to a direction, this page will help.

Careers in Arts & Humanities

- Creative Humanities
- Psychology, Criminology and Counselling
- Social Science, Social Work & Youth Work

Careers in Business & Law

- Business
- Law

Careers in Education

- Early Childhood
- Primary
- Secondary

Careers in Engineering

- Aviation
- Engineering
- Motorsports



For more information on the courses that can lead to these careers and industries, visit — ecu.edu.au

Careers in Healthcare

- Biomedical Science
- Exercise and Sports Science
- Health Science
- Medical Sonography
- Occupational Therapy
- Paramedicine
- Speech Pathology

Careers in Nursing & Midwifery

- Nursing
- Midwifery

Careers in Performing Arts, Production, Design & Creative Management

- Performing Arts
- Production, Design & Creative Management

Careers in Science

- Counter Terrorism Security & Intelligence
- Cyber Security
- IT & Computing
- Science

Certificate IV in Aboriginal Performance

This course prepares Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to enter the performing arts industry as a theatre, film and television actor.

On successful completion, students will have integrated acting, dance and singing into a rounded performance skill. Graduates will also have knowledge of indigenous culture in relation to contemporary performance and the skills required to audition for roles in theatre, film and television.



For more course information — ecu.edu.au/courses/C84



Scholarships

There are some scholarships you can apply for as a current or future student. You'll need to demonstrate a clear intention to study at ECU, such as actually applying for a course.

Year 12 school leaver scholarships

Scholarships are available to Year 12 school leavers who plan to study at ECU. These are awarded based on academic merit and/or commitment, and are designed to help with some of the costs of university education.

Visit ecu.edu.au/scholarships/undergraduate for available Year 12 Leaver Scholarships.

Apply for a scholarship as a current student

ECU offers scholarships to suit the diverse needs and backgrounds of current (enrolled) students. These include awards that are funded by corporate, institutional and private donors, as well as the Commonwealth Government.

So, if you've achieved excellence in your current/previous studies, need to relocate to study, are facing hardship, or are maybe looking for something discipline-specific, one of these scholarships might provide you with the support you need to continue your studies with ECU.

Available scholarships:

- Dorothea Swift Nursing Scholarship.
- The Kevin Button and Susie Lim Scholarship.
- The Perth Airport Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship.
- Inspiring Minds Equity Scholarship.
- Western Power Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Scholarship.
- ECU Vice Chancellor's Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship.
- Crow Books Scholarship for Aboriginal Performance.
- WAAPA Scholarship for Aboriginal Performance.
- Mineral Resources Melville Rotary Education Scholarship.
- The Kate Mullin Education Scholarship.
- ECU Equity Scholarship.
- ECU Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship.



For more information —
ecu.edu.au/scholarships



"The Perth Airport Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship has given me the means to achieve my dream of contributing to a more connected and loving society."

Sarah Mills

ECU Law and ECU Arts (Honours) graduate

What pathway can you take into ECU?

At ECU, we help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities to achieve their dreams and aspirations through further education.



ECU's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Future Student Engagement Coordinator is committed to assisting students with their entry options, course information and application process, including any further assessment of core skills if you don't meet minimum English entry requirements.

If you don't have an ATAR, or you do but got a lower ATAR than expected, you still have pathway options into university courses.

For some of these pathways, you may need to have completed WACE or meet English competency requirements.

University Preparation courses

This is a pathway we recommend to students who didn't get a great ATAR result or don't have an ATAR. UniPrep courses are free too.

UniPrep is either a full semester course or one of two intensive courses—UniPrep Accelerate for 4 weeks in January and UniPrep Summer for 9 weeks, from November to January.



Find out more —
ecu.edu.au/uniprep

Creative Humanities Portfolio Entry

If you've finished school without an ATAR but you're really interested in art and design, this might be your pathway.

You'll need to complete an application and attend an interview, plus show us your portfolio.



Find out more —
ecu.edu.au/chpe

Experience Based Entry

This pathway allows both school leavers and other applicants to be considered for entry to an undergraduate course by assessing your ability to succeed in higher education. It's based on a portfolio of evidence you provide to us that includes your goals, ambitions and references.



Find out more —
ecu.edu.au/experience

VET Pathway

If you've completed or started a VET course at a TAFE or another training organisation since high school, you might also have a pathway to uni.

If you completed a Diploma or an Advanced Diploma you may be eligible to go straight into an undergraduate course.

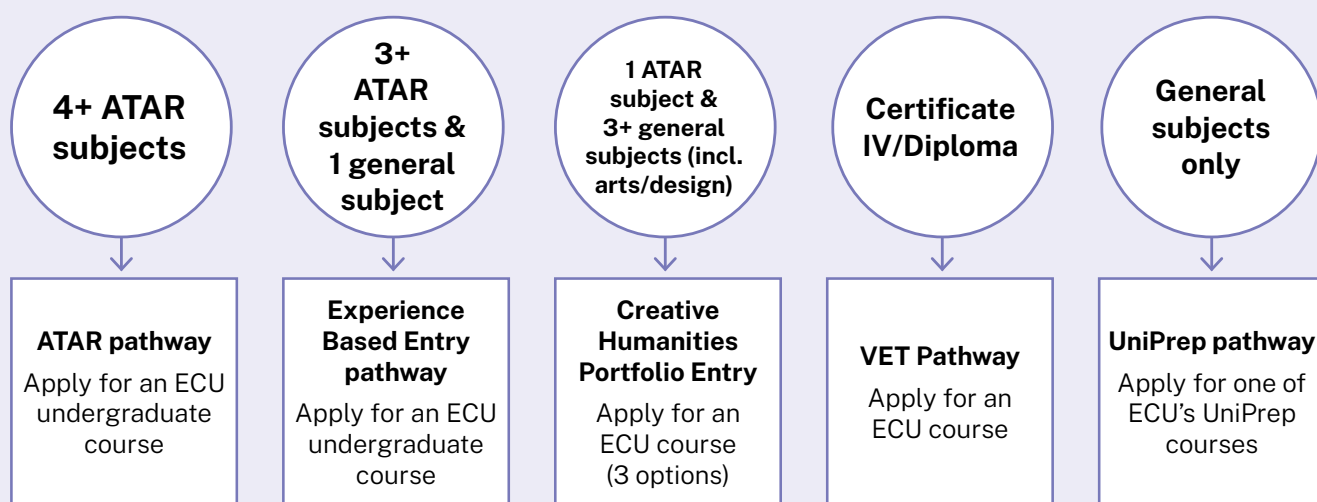


Find out more —
ecu.edu.au/pathways



Pathways and applications for Year 12 students

What are you studying this year?



Notes

1. All Year 12 students applying for ECU courses need to apply via TISC, meet English competency requirements and achieve WACE.
2. Depending on your current school, you may qualify for an adjustment to your ATAR (higher). Ask us about this.
3. For WAAPA courses or for the Secondary Education course (Music Education specialisation), please apply direct to ECU.



Kurongkurl Katitjin student support

Elder-in-Residence

Kurongkurl Katitjin facilitates unique cultural support across the University through the appointment of our Elder-in-Residence. They provide high level Elder advice and support to ECU's staff, students and community.

Elders bring a wealth of cultural knowledge and experience for our university community that is beyond measure.

Student Success team

The Kurongkurl Katitjin Student Success team assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to stay on track with their studies and to succeed at university on all three campuses and online.

This includes:

- Supporting study progress, health and wellbeing.
- Assessing personal challenges and developing action plans to overcome them.
- Providing referrals to specialist support services.

Student resources

Each semester, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at ECU are eligible to receive a voucher valued at \$100 that can be used to purchase study related items.

Printing credit

Available to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at ECU, printing credit is offered to assist with printing, photocopying and scanning. A credit of up to \$40 will be loaded onto your student ID card upon application.

Aboriginal Tutorial and Mentoring Program (ATMP)

ATMP covers the cost of engaging tutors to provide one-on-one academic and study skills support over a semester. The program focuses on developing students' self-directed academic learning. The hours allocated each semester will be dependent on the student's individual study load.

For more information, contact Kurongkurl Katitjin Student Success:

✉ kkstudentsuccess@ecu.edu.au

✉ atmp@ecu.edu.au

☎ (08) 6304 6663 (Metro)

Nala Karla student rooms

The *Nala Karla* rooms are dedicated study and relaxation areas for ECU's Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and are located on all three campuses.

Mount Lawley ML 15.123
(Building 15, Room 123)

Joondalup JO 34.240
(Ngoolark, Building 34, Room 240)

South West SW 7.101 (Building 7, Room 101)

Open 7.30am to 11.30pm, 7 days per week.

The rooms provide additional computing and printing facilities, quiet space for tutoring sessions and a social hub to connect as a student community. Access to these rooms are automatically applied to student cards every semester.



Rock solid alumni

If you are a graduate of ECU, you are part of a global alumni community. We encourage you to stay in touch with us, so that we can provide you with support and benefits for life. Additionally, as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander graduate, you also become a valued member of the *Rock Solid Foundations* cohort.

Located at the Mount Lawley Campus, the *Rock Solid Foundations* represent the notion of education being the foundation that shapes our future.

Each pillar represents a ten-year block and displays the names of each Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student by year of their graduation, with names colour-coded according to their discipline or area of study.

The *Rock Solid Foundations* philosophy represents the transformative impact of education. It changes the lives of not only the individual, but also the lives of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities across generations.

We acknowledge and pay tribute to all our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff, current students and graduates—for their own individual achievements and for the role they collectively have played in shaping ECU as it is today and into the future. By leading the way, they are inspiring others to follow in their footsteps and make their mark in the world.



For more information —
ecu.edu.au/kk



We are immensely proud of the over 700 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates. The sash pictured above, designed by Noongar Balardong artist Rohin (Dushong) Kickett, represents the resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the ripple effect that education has on their lives.



Artist and ECU alum Jarni McGuire was commissioned by ECU to create a Noongar culture wordmark representing the new ECU City campus and Kurongkurl Katitjin.

“My design takes inspiration from the people and natural landscape of the area and in particular, the women who have left their legacy.”




Find out more
about the project

Unlock your superpower.


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(within Australia)


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