

REMEMBER ECU

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

CREATE A BRIGHTER TOMORROW



EDITH COWAN
UNIVERSITY
(ECU) IS BOTH
WA'S YOUNGEST
UNIVERSITY

**AND ONE OF
THE WORLD'S
BEST YOUNG
UNIVERSITIES
UNDER 50
YEARS OLD.**



Although formed in 1991, ECU's origins reach back to the State's oldest tertiary institution – Claremont Teachers College – which was founded in 1902. This was followed by the establishment of other teacher-training institutions and colleges in the 1950s including Graylands, Nedlands, Churchlands and Mount Lawley.

Our evolution throughout the 20th Century has provided us with the foundation to become the innovative and contemporary world-class institution we are today.

Philanthropy continues to play a vital role in ensuring the future of ECU, helping us to build the leaders of tomorrow. The generosity of our community of donors has a tremendous impact through helping us to create a diverse and dynamic learning environment for our students, supporting world-shaping research, or simply providing us with the flexibility to be responsive in today's ever-changing world. Each gift creates a ripple effect, generating a direct impact on beneficiaries and their families and inspiring others who are witness to such generosity.

Together, we can build a brighter tomorrow.



SUPPORT

STUDENTS

Students are the heart of ECU. Your legacy could create opportunity for students to overcome disadvantage or recognise excellence, allowing them to achieve their full potential. For example, supporting students through creating a scholarship is an enduring way to change the lives of future generations.

We can work together to shape your gift in the way that is most meaningful to you, and will create maximum benefits for ECU students.

RESEARCH

Across ECU, academics and students are working to build a better future through research. Your gift could help us stay at the forefront of world-class research specialisms in sustainability, medical and health sciences, cyber security or the performing arts, creating lasting change for communities in WA and beyond.

THE FUTURE

In an ever-changing world, challenges evolve rapidly, and it is vital that ECU can respond and adapt, to continue to be an agent of change. An unrestricted bequest allows us a very special opportunity to apply your generosity to where the need is greatest at that time, generating maximum impact.



SHARING STORIES OF IMPACT

"As a retired nurse, I hope my bequest can benefit young people trying to make a career in Nursing, especially those looking to improve Indigenous health. It might support students who struggle with the transition to city living, the costs involved and the dislocation from family, or those who would otherwise be unable to complete their studies. After working in Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing in the 70's I realised that achieving any significant health improvement there would need community leaders. Health professionals with an understanding of the culture and issues that are unique to their community could provide education, which may be instrumental in changing attitudes and improving outcomes."

Anita Clayton
Bequest donor



"Words cannot describe how grateful I am for receiving such an incredible scholarship. I am truly honoured and will now be able to focus on my studies and personal wellbeing. Not only has the scholarship reduced my financial stress, it has allowed me to realise that with hard work and determination you can become successful, and it really is self-rewarding. Starting this degree, I had a lot of self-doubt about my ability to complete such a strenuous yet rewarding course. Since completing only my first semester and being selected as the recipient of this scholarship, I now believe that I can do this. I will use this first semester experience and this scholarship as a reminder that with hard work comes success."

Tanisha Dhu

Nursing student and scholarship recipient



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FAQS

Why is it important to let the University know about my gift?

It is very important that we can carry out your wishes in the most meaningful way to you. Although you are under no obligation to do so, discussing your intentions with us ahead of time allows us to work with you to shape your gift, and maintain vital records for the future. You may wish to consider providing ECU with a copy of your Will once it is signed, and up-to-date contact details for your executor(s) and trustee(s), to ensure that we can give full effect to your gift when the time comes. All details are kept strictly confidential by ECU.

Can I set up a scholarship, and one that lasts in perpetuity?

Yes, for gifts of a certain size, a scholarship can be established and the body of the gift can be invested into ECU's long-term investment portfolio. This will preserve the capital and utilise the returns to award your scholarship for generations to come. We would be delighted to discuss these possibilities with you.

Will the University use any of my gift for ECU administration or other similar costs?

No. Your gift will be committed for the specific purpose that is outlined in your Will – although we do ask that you discuss this with us ahead of time to ensure that the details of your gift can be applied in a real-life setting.

Can I see the potential impact of my gift during my lifetime?

If you let us know about your legacy gift, we would be delighted to welcome you to the Dircksey Society, our ever-growing community of legacy pledgers, members of which receive special insights into the impact of giving at ECU. Equally, if you would prefer to remain anonymous, or to keep communication to a minimum, we will ensure that we communicate with you in the way that best suits you.

SUGGESTED BEQUEST WORDING

A bequest is a gift left in a Will. The wording of a bequest in your Will is important and can constitute a significant statement on the causes important to you, the donor.

Whilst Edith Cowan University is not able to provide legal or financial advice in the making of your Will, we can help you plan a gift that suits your wishes. The following are different kinds of bequests which can be made in a Will. You should obtain independent legal advice to determine whether any of these examples are appropriate to suit your specific circumstances and intentions. This document should not be relied upon as legal advice. We recommend writing your Will with a lawyer, to ensure it becomes a legally enforceable document.



RESIDUAL BEQUEST

After the estate has paid all debts, administration costs, and distributed other gifts and bequests, any property in the estate which is left is called the residuary estate. You can choose to give all, or a percentage, of your residuary estate to Edith Cowan University.

Sample wording:

I give all (or specific percentage) of the residue of my estate to Edith Cowan University for the purposes of supporting Edith Cowan University in a manner to be determined at the discretion of Edith Cowan University. I declare that the receipt by Edith Cowan University of this gift shall be sufficient discharge to my executor(s) and trustee(s).

SPECIFIC BEQUEST

You may leave a specific bequest to Edith Cowan University by leaving a specific sum of money, a specific percentage of your estate, or an asset (e.g. shares, property, or significant works of art) in your Will.

Sample wording:

I give (sum of \$..... , OR my property located at 'residential address', OR specific assets) to Edith Cowan University for the purposes of supporting Edith Cowan University in a manner to be determined at the discretion of Edith Cowan University. I declare that the receipt by Edith Cowan University of this gift shall be sufficient discharge to my executor(s) and trustee(s).

SPECIFIC PURPOSE BEQUEST

You may wish to include specific instructions in your Will as to the purpose of the bequest. This type of bequest is called a specific purpose bequest, and restricts the use of your gift as directed by you.

Sample wording:

I give (whole of my estate, OR specific percentage of my estate, OR specific assets, OR the residue of my estate, OR sum of \$.....) to Edith Cowan University for the purpose (insert scholarships, research, equipment, programs, etc.) at the Edith Cowan University. If at any time Edith Cowan University determines that it is impossible or impracticable to carry out this stated purpose, then Edith Cowan University may apply the income of the bequest for such purpose or purposes as Edith Cowan University determines most closely accords with the stated purpose. I declare that the receipt by Edith Cowan University of this gift shall be sufficient discharge to my executor(s) and trustee(s).

ENDOWMENT BEQUEST

To ensure the permanence of a gift, you may wish to consider an endowment. Endowments are managed by ECU in a way that protects the original value of the endowment capital. Your gift stays intact and only the annual interest income is used. This allows your gift to have a much greater impact over a longer period of time.

Please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at Edith Cowan University to discuss the details if you are interested in creating an endowment.

SUPERANNUATION AND LIFE INSURANCE

Your superannuation, life insurance policy and similar, may not be covered by your Will, as they are typically held by a trustee. If you would like to make a bequest from your superannuation, life insurance policy or similar, you should do so with the company that looks after your superannuation or policies. You are also welcome to contact ECU to discuss this further.



THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING ECU

Thank you for considering ECU – we would be delighted to speak with you about your future plans. Please contact a member of our team on **+61 8 6304 2761** or email **development@ecu.edu.au**.

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