



EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY  
School of Science

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# STUDENT NEWS

School of Science Newsletter

October 2020

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Welcome to our fourth School of Science Student Newsletter of 2020. Your newsletter will be sent to you before major dates during the semester, highlighting important dates, resources, events and news within our School. There will also be links to our Graduate programs, employment opportunities website and links to help you along your journey.

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# IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

## COVID-19 and your studies

Edith Cowan University and the School of Science are remaining vigilant in our monitoring of the Coronavirus situation and will be frequently communicating to students and staff via email as the situation develops. For more information [click here](#).

## Avoiding Academic Integrity Breaches

With assignment season almost upon us please ensure you ensure that all of your work meets ECU's expectations of academic integrity. Please ensure you have watched the academic integrity video from the Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning) before submitting your first assignment. You can find the video [here](#).

## Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Community Site

Over 100 undergraduate and postgraduate students are currently engaged in full-time industry work placements for Semester 2. Congratulations to all these students, who are gaining 'world ready' skills while representing ECU's School of Science; and thanks also to our valuable industry partners for hosting them.

To find out more about the WIL program, contact Harriet Mills (Science and Mathematics) or Samantha Phelan (Computing and Security). Students enrolled in WIL-enabled courses will see a new item in their Blackboard list A Guide to My WIL Journey.

## Important dates

If you want more information of the semester dates that includes orientation dates, lectures commencing dates, breaks, and application dates, please click [here](#).

## **Withdrawal dates**

If you want more information of the census or reporting dates when enrolling into a unit, please click [here](#).

## **Support for Ethics Survey please.**

This PhD project aims to investigate public attitudes towards privacy, security and surveillance within Australia with the objective of informing policy, and by extension, policy development. In addition, the research will contribute to the body of knowledge in this field.

The survey has a focus on privacy and surveillance technologies generally and includes more recent developments relating to COVID-19 and the surveillance technologies that have emerged as a response to the COVID pandemic. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and is open to all students and staff that are Australian citizens over the age of 18.

To complete the survey, click [here](#).

## **ECU Out of Hours Crisis Line**

### **About the service**

ECU's Out of Hours Crisis Line gives students additional support overnight and on weekends. Save the numbers to your phone in case you or a friend ever needs some assistance.

The phone support service operates from 5pm to 9am on weekdays, and 24 hours on weekends, providing students with mental health and wellbeing support.

Students can access the service by telephoning 1300 583 032 or via SMS by texting 0488 884 232.

The service is intended to help callers find immediate relief from emotional distress, safely manage any immediate threats to life or safety, open pathways for longer-term solutions and focus specific next steps for the

caller to take.

The Crisis Line is available any time the university is closed, including evenings, weekends, and public holidays.

## **News Story in Student Portal**

<https://intranet.ecu.edu.au/student/news/overview/2020/09/save-the-ecu-out-of-hours-crisis-line-number-to-your-phone>

## **Additional Materials**

The image used in conjunction with this promotion is available for download. If you would like it in a different size, please let me know.

A PowerPoint slide is also included which can be displayed before lectures and events commence.

<https://ecu.box.com/s/c9v2j53c2q7v5abmkbif7wuhxoy2ay0>

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **The Guild Foodbank Program**

This program highlights the vulnerable state some students find themselves in, and provides some relief in basic necessities.

<http://ecuguild.org.au/pantry/>

- Staff or students can receive an essentials pack by submitting their application  
[https://ecustudentguild2015.formstack.com/forms/food\\_bank\\_support](https://ecustudentguild2015.formstack.com/forms/food_bank_support)
- Delivery can be arranged for those in isolation. For those who would like to make a donation, drop off sites are located across ML & JO campus are the ECU library, Guild office and student hub.
- Alternatively, financial donations can be made to  
[https://ecustudentguild2015.formstack.com/forms/pantry\\_donation](https://ecustudentguild2015.formstack.com/forms/pantry_donation)

The 2021 Guild Senate positions ran unopposed. To read more about your new 2021 Senate visit: <https://ecuguild.org.au/elections/>

## **Elections Edith Cowan University Student Guild**

Vice President Equity & Diversity. I am Greta Mukherjee, and I am the Vice President of Equity and Diversity, for the ECU Student Guild 2021. As the current co-President of the ECU Women's Community, and a Peer Mentor for a diverse range of students within the School of Nursing and Midwifery and the international student cohort, I am an advocate for equity amidst all individuals.

[ecuguild.org.au](https://ecuguild.org.au)

## **Market Update - Student Transitions and Employability**

The latest relevant opportunities from CareerHub are listed on line [here](#).

## **CASSA End-of-Semester Trivia**

CASSA will be hosting an end-of-semester trivia event at the end of the exam period. A wide range of both technical and general-knowledge questions will be featured, so all staff and students are welcome to join in! Teams of four are requested for the competition, which will be held in Building 18.103/104 on the 20th of November, from 3 - 5PM. Further details will be posted on the CASSA website closer to the date: [cassa.org.au](https://cassa.org.au). We hope to see you there!

## **WACTF Western Australian Capture the Flag**

Welcome Bob Alice and Eve

Countdown to registrations for university and school teams who want to compete in this years WA Capture The Flag event and maybe want to receive the 'goodies' bag (T-shirts and swag)

## **WACTF**

- 2020 December 12th & 13th

- Time - 9am to 5pm
- This is available for people who want to attend in person or online!
- Register here <https://capture.tf/>

## **Postgraduate Career Forum**

Join the ECU Guild Postgraduate Department for a night of industry speakers and networking aimed at supplying students with a holistic view of how organisations work together to deliver projects and how postgraduate students can use transferable skills for career building.

- 5:00pm - 9:00pm
- Thursday, 19th November
- ECU Joondalup Building 32.102
- Tickets here: [Postgraduate Career Forum](#)

## **ECU Scholarships Ceremony**

2020 School of Science scholarship recipients:

- Bianca Best recipient of the 2020 Western Power Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Scholarship
- Jacynta Grigson recipient of the 2020 Cyber Security CRC (Cooperative Research Centre) Women in STEM Scholarship
- Hannah Rice recipient of the 2020 Cyber Security CRC (Cooperative Research Centre) Women in STEM Scholarship
- Margret Beniameen recipient of the 2020 (Semester 1) Defence Science and Technology Group- Women in STEM Scholarship
- Shannon Calitz recipient of the 2020 (Semester 1) Defence Science and Technology Group- Women in STEM Scholarship

## **LinkedIn group for 'ECU Physical and Natural Science Students and Alumni - School of Science'**

Please join and share with other ECU students, alumni and industry partners our new LinkedIn group for our Science discipline here

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13592755/>.

## **LinkedIn group for 'ECU Computing and Security Students and Alumni School of Science'**

Please join and share with other ECU students, alumni and industry partners our LinkedIn group for our Computing and Security discipline here <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13592754/>.

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## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

### **Academic Integrity and how to avoid plagiarism**

Students are encouraged to continuously check their work and their Turnitin reports so as to ensure external content is acknowledged and referenced correctly. To see the list of key things to consider as you develop your assignment, click [here](#).

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## **RESOURCES**

### **Updated Science Student Community site**

Check out these new support resources in the pages below:

- [Academic Writing and Skills](#)
- [STEM and Numeracy](#)
- [Information and Research](#)
- [Access Learning Support](#)

### **First Year Students:**

[First Year Checklist](#)

### **Middle and Final Year Students:**

We encourage students to undertake career planning modules from their 2nd year and as they progress in their studies, they go on to complete know your job market and market yourself modules to prepare for their transition from student to employee.

<https://careerhub.ecu.edu.au/workgroups/get-career-ready-online-module>

### **Resources - Workshop Recordings:**

- [How to navigate ECU CareerHub](#)
- [Understanding Employability](#)
- [Developing your Professional Resume](#)
- [Preparing a Cover Letter](#)
- [Addressing Selection Criteria](#)
- [Interview Skills](#)
- [Video and Telephone Interview Skills](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Finding a Job for ECU Students Resumes for casual and part-time employment](#)
- [Building Your Personal Brand \(presented by EY\)](#)
- [The Recruiter Perspective \(presented by Michael Page Recruitment\)](#)

### ***Drop In Sessions - No booking required!***

The drop-in sessions are a great opportunity to have your rsum, cover letter or LinkedIn profile reviewed by a Careers Assistant. Attend in person and a member of the team will be able to assist you, on a first come first served basis. For faster service, please bring in your document already printed or ready to be viewed on USB (cover letter/rsum). Don't forget to bring a pen and notepad to jot down our suggestions on how to improve your document/profile.

### **Every Monday and Wednesday:**

- [1.30 pm - 3 pm](#)
- Joondalup Campus, [Building 34, Level 1](#)
- Sign in at [Desk 26](#)



## Library Guides Online

Our online guides will introduce you to the basics behind looking for and using academic information for your assignment.

- Study Essentials Guide: <https://ecu.au.libguides.com/study-essentials>
- Subject Library Guides: <https://ecu.au.libguides.com/Science>
- Referencing Guides: <https://ecu.au.libguides.com/referencing>

## ECU Library Joondalup

ECU Library Joondalup will be undergoing a face-lift over the summer! This refurbishment will affect Level 1 and 2 from **20th November 2020 February 2021**. During this time library services and the collection will be available on Level 3, including all study areas and the microwaves.

For more information see the [Library Refurbishment article](#).

## Appointments with Learning Advisers

The Learning Support team have a new booking system where students can make appointments with a Learning Adviser. This is now done through [AskUs](#) on the portal [here](#).

## Learning Support availability during Summer period

- [Studiosity](#) and ECU's [self-access academic skills essentials](#) will be available during summer 24/7, including during ESSP. [HDR self-access resources](#) will also be available 24/7.
- Learning Adviser appointments will be available (except during ESSP) via the [booking link](#). Academic Skills Centres will only be open on request for booked face to face appointments.
- HDR student appointments will be available (except during ESSP) via [hdrca@ecu.edu.au](mailto:hdrca@ecu.edu.au).

## Librarian Assistance Over Summer

For students studying over the Summer period you can access Librarian Services through one-on-one meetings or via email.

Librarians can help you with: finding and using academic information for your assignment, referencing using APA 7th, or using EndNote and organising your reading and research. Book here:

Book an appointment with a Librarian for a 30 minute session:

<https://askus2.ecu.edu.au/s/article/000002908>

OR

Email the library at: [library@ecu.edu.au](mailto:library@ecu.edu.au).

## **Qualifications/Certifications**

Cisco academy courses are now available (for free) for students to self-enrol. These courses are self-paced and once complete, offer a certificate.

Courses include:

- [Cisco Introduction to Cybersecurity](#)
- [Cisco Cybersecurity Essentials](#)
- [Cisco Introduction to IoT](#)
- [NDG Linux Unhatched](#)

Discounted CompTIA exam vouchers [can be purchased](#) for current students and alumni. This includes introductory courses (e.g. Network+ and Security+); advanced courses (e.g. Cloud+, Linux+ and Server+); and, specialised courses (e.g. CySA+, CASP+, and PenTest+). The ECU library has access to a [number of ebooks](#) covering some of these certifications.

## **VEEPS for tech help**

VEEPS services for assistance with technology used at ECU will be running from the 9th of November to the 27th of November 2020. Access them Monday to Friday from 12pm to 4pm.

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# GRADUATE PROGRAMS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Career hub

If you are after resources on landing that perfect job or would like to see upcoming opportunities, click [here](#).

## Graduate Programs, Vacation Programs & Internships

To view the latest career development and employment opportunities, please click [here](#).



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