



Information for ECU Inbound Exchange Students

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About ECU

Edith Cowan University (ECU) is where creative thinkers are made.

Located in Western Australia, our dedication to providing industry-relevant teaching and research, supportive student experiences and award-winning facilities enable ECU students to think outside of the box, to use creativity to tackle challenges and seize opportunities.

The University is immensely proud to be named in honour of Edith Dircksey Cowan OBE. A university named in her honour is a fitting tribute to an inspirational woman with a pioneering spirit who dedicated her life to the belief that education was the key to growth, change and improvement in society.

While Edith Cowan is most famously known as the first woman to be elected to an Australian parliament, making her one of the first women to be elected to a British parliament in the world, this was only one of many outstanding contributions she made to our State.

The University has embraced Edith's values of inclusion and equity which are honoured in many ways throughout the fabric of the University. ECU is now 'home' to Edith's former family home, which has been reconstructed, refurbished and sits proudly overlooking the lake on the Joondalup Campus.

ECU leads by Edith Cowan's example, as we pride ourselves in producing capable graduates who can think creatively, ask the right questions, and develop solutions to improve the communities in which they live and work.

At a glance

ECU has more than 30,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students, including international students from 100 countries.

Our eight schools collectively deliver a diverse range of courses across arts and humanities, business and law, education, engineering, medical and health sciences, nursing and midwifery, science and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Courses are offered on our three campuses – ECU Joondalup and ECU City Campus in metropolitan Perth and ECU South West in Bunbury, 200km south of the capital city.

ECU incorporates the oldest and most popular School of Education in Western Australia, the largest Nursing program in the State, Kurongkurl Katitjin, our Centre for Australian Indigenous Education and Research, and the world-renowned Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts,.

Academic Calendar

ECU runs on a two semesters per year basis with Semester 1 commencing in February and Semester 2 commencing in July. Academic calendars are available on our website: [Academic Calendars](#).

Nomination

You must be nominated by your home institution and accepted by ECU prior to submitting an application for admission. Please contact your home institution exchange coordinator if you have any queries regarding this process.

Unit Selection

As part of the application process you will need to submit a selection of units you wish to study at ECU during your exchange semester or year. We strongly recommend that you enter all your desired units at point of admission so we can advise you early of any potential enrolment issues.

You can take most units from across the university, as long as they are at the appropriate level (i.e. undergraduate/postgraduate) and satisfy any pre-requisites. If a unit has a pre-requisite, you must be able to provide evidence to show that you satisfy these requirements. We recommend you provide units/courses outlines and academic transcripts as evidence.

In most cases units starting with a number 1, 2 or 3 (1st, 2nd and 3rd year units respectively) are at undergraduate level and those starting with a 4 or above are at postgraduate level. Some undergraduate degrees are 4 years in length and so will contain undergraduate units starting with the number 4.

The minimum enrolment load required to be full time (and satisfy the requirements of a student visa) is 45 – 60 credit points per semester. This is usually achieved by enrolling in 3 or 4 units worth 15 credit points each. You can use our online [Handbook](#) to look for units of interests and then visit our [Teaching Timetable](#) to see if the units will be running in the required semester. The Teaching Timetable is released each October for the following year.

Students looking to study at our South West (Bunbury) campus must only select units running on this campus. The South West campus is located 2 hours south of the capital, Perth.

Admission Application

Applications are open all year round and students are encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible. Applications may be accepted after the closing date, however, late submissions may result in delays with assessment of their application which can impact making travel arrangements and organising visas.


Teaching Period	Teaching Dates	Closing Dates
Semester 1	February – June	November 30
Semester 2	July – November	May 31

Applying Online

Students are to submit an online application using our [Apply Online](#) portal. You will firstly need to create an account and login. Please use the email address supplied as part of your nomination.


My Applications Portal

Once you have logged in, please ensure you select the ‘Exchange’ option as per the image below:

 My Applications



COURSE Application
Created on: 20/03/2024


No course preferences selected.

 Edit this application

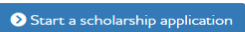
★ Apply for course entry
ECU is currently accepting the following applications.

Application Type	Commencement Period
Domestic	Applications for Semester 1, 2024 are now closed. Applications for Semester 2, 2024 will be opening soon.
International	Applications for Semester 1, 2024 are closed except for non-student visa holders currently living in Australia. Open for Semester 2, 2024 and Semesters 1 and 2 in 2025 for all other international applicants.
Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts	Applications for Semester 1, 2024 are now closed.

★ Apply for a scholarship
Before starting your scholarship application please ensure you have read and understood the eligibility criteria on the [Scholarships website](#) .

Please note that you are only able to apply for a specific scholarship between the opening and closing dates as advertised.




★ Apply for other program

Non-award
If you're studying a unit or units for general interest, professional purposes, or to gain entry to a degree program.

Cross Institutional
If units aren't offered at your home university you can apply to study at another university like ours.

Study Abroad and Exchange
This program allows International students to study here for one or two semesters as part of their course in their home country.


[Start a Non-Award, Cross Institutional, Study Abroad or Exchange Application](#)



Step 1, 2 & 3

Complete the “Your Details”, “Other Details” and “Access and Inclusion” sections.

Step 4

Under the “Course Details” section,  select the button.

Select one of the codes/locations listed below dependant on your intended study duration and level.

X05 – Exchange Studies Undergraduate (One Semester Studies)

X06 – Exchange Studies Postgraduate (One Semester Studies)

X15 – Exchange Studies Undergraduate (Full Year Studies)

X16 – Exchange Studies Postgraduate (Full Year Studies)

You must select the course type that aligns with your intended level of study. For example, if you are intending to study undergraduate units with ECU (ie Bachelor level) then you must select the undergraduate course. If the incorrect course code is selected, there may be delays in your acceptance to study with ECU.

Select the semester that you have been approved by your Home University to commence with us:

Semester 1 - February to June

Semester 2 - July to November

Unit Details section: Add all the units you intend to study while you are at ECU. You may amend your selections later if you choose.

Step 5

Complete the “Additional Questions” section. Your response to the Credit and Recognition of Prior Learning question should be “no” as this is not applicable for Exchange studies.

Step 6 & 7

Complete the “Qualification Details” and “Document Upload” sections. Please upload:

- Official academic documents (current academic transcript from your Home University, testamur, transcripts, high school certificates etc);
- Your passport
- Proof of Academic English competency

Documents should be uploaded in English and/or with an official English translation.

Step 8

Review the information you have entered into your application and then click the Submit Application button.

Offer Letter & Acceptance

Once your application has been assessed and you have been deemed to have met the entry requirements you will be issued with an Offer Letter from the ECU Admissions office via email. You will need to follow the instructions in the Offer Letter to accept your offer online via [My Uni Start](#).

OSHC Payment

Australian Student Visa holders are required to arrange [Overseas Student Health Cover \(OSHC\)](#) before arrival in Australia and to maintain cover throughout their course of study. ECU can arrange the required OSHC for you through ECU's preferred OSHC provider, [Medibank](#). Details of the OSHC fees will be outlined in your Offer Letter. Once your offer has been accepted, you will need to pay the required fees as stipulated in the offer letter.

Acceptance Letter

Once the offer acceptance and OSHC payment have been confirmed by ECU, an Acceptance Letter and Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) will be sent to you by email. At this stage, you can now proceed with applying for your visa, activating your account and self-enrolling into your units.

Activating your Account

Once your acceptance has been processed you will need to complete [Step 2 of My Uni Start](#) to activate your ECU account.

Accommodation

There are Student Villages located in Joondalup, Mount Lawley and Bunbury, operated by student accommodation company Campus Living Villages. The villages consist of single and multi-room units with shared self-catering facilities, and they provide a modern,

friendly environment. There is a wide range of apartment styles, including recently developed apartments, to suit a variety of budgets.

On-campus accommodation is highly competitive and is not guaranteed for exchange students.

For students studying at the City Campus, there are dedicated student accommodation providers in Perth:

- [Campus Perth](#)
- [The Switch](#) (co-living)
- [Beatty Lodge](#)
- [Juno House](#) (co-living)
- [UniLodge Perth Central](#)

There are lots of choices when it comes to accommodation, living on campus, renting a property, boarding with a family, or sharing with friends are a few of the options. Whatever you decide, we recommend that you start your search as early as possible.

For more information please refer to our [Accommodation Resources](#) page.

Unit Enrolment

You will enrol online using the [Student Information Management Online \(SIMO\) system](#). You may require manual enrolment into certain units if they have pre-requisite requirements. If you require assistance enrolling in units please contact us by email to studyoverseas@ecu.edu.au.

Airport Arrival Service

If you're moving to Perth to study at ECU, you can register for our free Airport Arrival Service where we arrange for someone to meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation.

You can book this service by visiting [Town Cars Australia](#). Once your booking is confirmed, you'll receive an email from Town Cars Australia with information about finding your driver on arrival, and what to do if you need to change your booking.

International Cafe

Being an international student is an exciting opportunity – you get to build new friendships and amazing international contacts. But it can also be a little overwhelming. ECU invites international students to come along and share a coffee and afternoon tea, while learning about living and studying in Australia at [International Café](#).

Each week hear from international students who have been in your shoes. Discover tips for balancing study and life, and other fun information such as the best hidden spots around Perth.

Orientation

The university-wide [Orientation program](#) for all new students runs at the start of each semester to give students information about how things work at ECU and some fun events and opportunities to meet other students. All exchange students should attend Orientation and are expected to book into an [International Student Fundamentals](#) session.

Student Support Services

ECU has a range of [support services](#) to help you succeed in your studies; counselling and disability services, career advice, health support and much more.

ECU's [Access and Inclusion](#) team provide a free, confidential service to support participation and success in study for students who live with a permanent or temporary disability, medical condition, mental health condition, or who are the primary carer for a family member with a disability or medical condition.

They also support students with neurodivergence and those impacted by other circumstances, including cultural or religious practices and family and domestic violence.

For more information on available support services please reach out to us at studyoverseas@ecu.edu.au.

Update Your Contact Details

As you are an international student studying on a student visa, it is a visa requirement that you always inform the University of your current contact address. Once you have confirmed your accommodation in Perth please email us at studyoverseas@ecu.edu.au with your address and phone details so we can update your student record.

Academic Transcripts

At the completion of your studies, you will be issued with a digital ECU academic transcript via My eEquals. My eEquals is an online portal that gives students secure access anytime, anywhere to certified academic documents. You can then share this with your home university via a secure link.

Additional Resources

[Welcome to ECU](#)

[ECU 5 Star Experience](#)

[Explore ECU in 360 degrees](#)

[ECU Youtube Channel](#)

[ECU on Facebook](#)

[Study Perth](#)

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