

# 2019/2020 ACBT: Your Pathway to ECU



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# Welcome



## Message from ACBT's Principal

The world is integrating rapidly.

Once distant societies are merging economically, socially and politically. And higher education needs to assist students to understand these rapid global changes – locally and internationally.

Australian College of Business and Technology (ACBT) offers you education with cutting-edge facilities to give you the knowledge, skills and self-confidence to meet the challenges of global integration.

Your decision to join ACBT is not only very wise, it will point you in the right direction.

ACBT works in association with Edith Cowan University (ECU), Perth, Australia. ECU recognises the recent global changes and trends, and its core work of teaching and research is constantly changing to reflect these global phenomena.

As a result, ECU degree programs are up-to-date and its graduates will enjoy successful careers. In addition, ACBT study programs provide you with efficient and convenient connectivity to pursue university education at ECU and other major universities elsewhere.

At ACBT, you will have educational opportunities that match your individual needs. I wish you every success with your studies.

**Dr. Chandana Aluthge (Ph.D.)**  
Principal

**Australian College of Business and Technology**  
Sri Lanka



## Message from ECU's Vice-Chancellor

Thanks to our long and successful partnership with ACBT, students can benefit from established academic and English entry pathways to Edith Cowan University (ECU) for international students.

ECU provides the ideal learning environment for people who want to reach their potential. Our industry-relevant courses, supportive study environment and award-winning facilities enable ECU students to do more than just survive in this world – they thrive in it.

ECU courses are developed in consultation with industry, and teaching staff have extensive industry experience and networks. It's why ECU students can expect placement opportunities, fieldwork, practicums and networking events as part of their studies.

This approach has been rewarded with five star ratings for teaching quality for 12 years in a row in the Good Universities Guide.

I hope your pathway studies are successful and satisfying and I look forward to welcoming you to ECU in the future.

**Professor Steve Chapman**  
Vice-Chancellor CBE

**Edith Cowan University**



# About ACBT

Australian College of Business and Technology (ACBT) has been a pioneer in Australian higher education in Sri Lanka since 1998 and is partnered by world-renowned NAVITAS group, with 130 colleges around the world in over 31 countries.

ACBT offers an integrated pathway into Edith Cowan University's (ECU) undergraduate degrees via a wide range of University Foundation Programs (UFP's). ACBT offers Australian accredited Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas through Edith Cowan College (ECC) in Perth, Western Australia.

ACBT also offers selected bachelor and postgraduate qualifications in association with ECU. ACBT's professionally focused degree programs provide an opportunity for Sri Lankan students to earn an Australian degree from Sri Lanka at an affordable price, or to transfer to ECU or many other NAVITAS-partnered universities in Australia and other countries.

## Getting Ready at ACBT



### Pathway to Australia

Degree pathway into one of Australia's top-rated universities.



### State-of-the-art campuses

Excellent study location with state-of-the-art university campuses in Colombo, Kandy and Galle.



### Two-year degrees

Complete your Bachelor degree in two years (instead of three years) for most courses.



### High employability

Wide range of career options and high graduate employment rate.



### Small class sizes

Small class sizes mean you get more personal attention from lecturers.



### 1,300 students

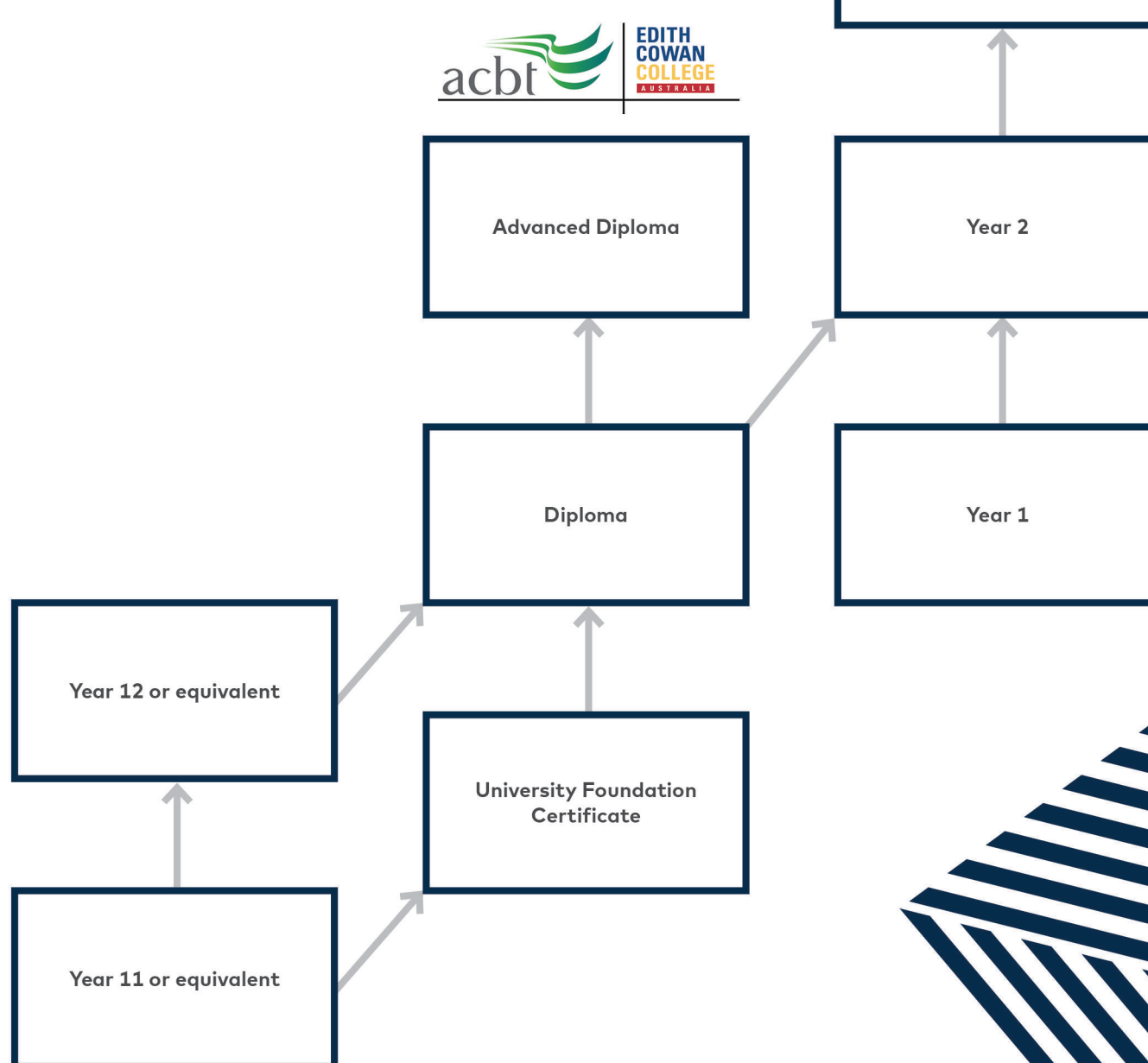
1,300 students including Sri Lankan and international students from all over the world.



# ACBT – Your Pathway to Your ECU Degree



Sri Lanka has an excellent education system. Students have the opportunity to complete their ECU degree in full in Sri Lanka, or to transfer to ECU Perth, Western Australia and complete part of their studies there.



# Why Study at ECU?

We equip you with the confidence and practical skills to deal with whatever challenges may come your way, no matter where you are in the world. We have direct links with industry and organisations, which means you get hands-on experience while you're studying. Our degrees are internationally recognised and a considerable number of courses are professionally accredited by a variety of national and international organisations. Your learning extends beyond the classroom with our practicum, work integrated learning, and internships.

## Our Rankings

Here is a snapshot of our recent university rankings, both national and international.



### Most satisfied students

Ranked the top public university in Australia for most satisfied students in the 2017 and 2018 QILT survey results.



### Times Higher Education

Ranked 101-150 in the Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings for 2018.



### Five-star teaching quality

Five star rating for teaching quality for 12 years in a row in the Good Universities Guide.



### ECU's Sports Science department rated one of the best in the world and top in WA

Our Sports Science program also ranked in the world's top 25 in the 2018 ShanghaiRanking global survey of Sports Science Schools and Departments.



### QS Rankings

2018 QS World University Rankings by Subject:

- Top 100 for Sports Science
- Top 250 ranking for Education
- Top 300 ranking for Psychology



## ECU Scholarships

- Up to **\$27,200** off your course of study
- Available for postgraduate and undergraduate courses
- **20%** off tuition fees for the full duration

Visit [ecu.edu.au/international-scholarships](http://ecu.edu.au/international-scholarships) for more information.





# About Perth

Perth is the capital city of Western Australia, which is the largest state in Australia and has been rated one of the top 10 most liveable cities in the world for the past 14 years.<sup>1</sup>



## Getting around Perth

Perth has a modern and safe public transport network that is convenient and accessible for students.

- **Free bus service:** Perth, Fremantle and Joondalup city zones have a free bus service
- **Discount:** Full-time students receive between 40% and 45% discount on all public transport

Visit the Transperth website [transperth.wa.gov.au](http://transperth.wa.gov.au) for more information



## Population

**Perth:** 2 million

**Western Australia:** 2.58 million

**Australia:** 24 million

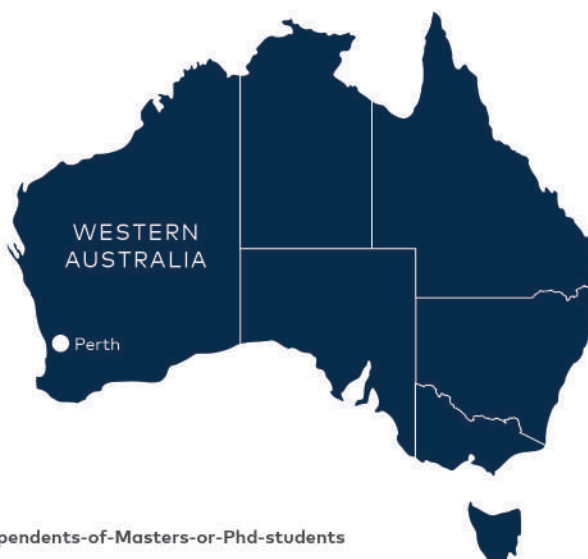
## Climate

Perth has a mediterranean climate with hot dry summers and mild wet winters. Average temperatures in summer are 17°C - 29°C and 10°C - 18°C in winter. However, even in winter, Perth still enjoys plenty of warm sunshine.

## Why study in Perth?

Choosing a study destination is not an easy task so here are a few facts about Perth to help you make an informed decision:

- Perth has been rated in the top 35 best student cities in the world for the past six years.<sup>2</sup>
- Perth is ranked #1 in Australia for best student diversity.<sup>3</sup>
- Perth is the cheapest major city in Australia.<sup>4</sup>
- Masters or PhD students can enrol dependent children into public primary and secondary schools at no cost.<sup>5</sup>



### Sources

- 1 The Economist Intelligence Unit (2004-2017)
- 2 QS, Best Student Cities 2016
- 3 Austrade online international student data, Canberra (March 2016)
- 4 Worldwide Cost of Living Report 2017, The Economist Intelligence Unit
- 5 Visit [tafeinternational.wa.edu.au/your-study-options/study-at-school/dependents-of-Masters-or-Phd-students](http://tafeinternational.wa.edu.au/your-study-options/study-at-school/dependents-of-Masters-or-Phd-students)

# Sri Lanka – Study and Live in Paradise

Home to slightly over 20 million people and often referred to as the Pearl of the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka is a friendly and multicultural nation. Sri Lanka boasts a wide range of tourist attractions, including sandy beaches, rainforests, cultural and historic attractions and unique wildlife. The country has excellent infrastructure with state-of-the-art communication and information technology, reliable public transport and an efficient public and private sector. English is widely spoken in Sri Lanka and is one of the country's official languages.

## Climate

Sri Lanka has a tropical climate with a wet and dry season. It also has two monsoon seasons — May to August and October to January. The climate is reasonably warm throughout the rest of the year. Kandy has a cooler climate than Colombo.



## ACBT Campuses

### Colombo Campus (Colombo is Sri Lanka's Commercial Hub)

ACBT Colombo Campus is located in the heart of Colombo, the bustling capital city of Sri Lanka. Colombo is vibrant, fast paced and has a rich colonial heritage. It offers many activities, excellent shopping, venues for socialising, libraries, cinemas, sports arenas and more.



### Kandy Campus (Kandy is Sri Lanka's Cultural Centre)

Nestled among the hills and surrounded by jungle, the ACBT Kandy Campus offers students a cool and peaceful climate.



### Galle Campus (Galle is Sri Lanka's Ultimate Tourist Destination)

The ACBT Galle Campus is conveniently positioned in the historic city of Galle. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this exotic trading port boasts stunning beaches, rambling lanes, and shops and markets that are a hive of activity.





# Your Student Life at ACBT

## Accommodation

ACBT staff can help you choose from a wide range of accommodation options in Colombo and its suburbs. These include homestays or renting an apartment or house.

## Student Services

As a student, you are encouraged to access the wide range of support services and campus facilities to help ensure a smooth academic and emotional transition to university level study.

## Orientation

Orientation introduces students to their new study environment. Don't miss the chance to learn about your course of study and to make friends with your fellow classmates.

## Computing labs

Students have access to state-of-the-art, advanced computer labs throughout the week from 8am to 8pm. This includes access to Microsoft Office applications, the internet, multimedia applications and specialist software.

## Library

The Library provides ample support, services and information for your studies, with a comprehensive collection of text books and printed media related to study modules.

## Eating places

We have a vibrant mix of food choices and venues.

## Bookstores

You can purchase textbooks, reference books, course materials, stationery and gifts from Makeen Books or Vijitha Yapa and other prominent bookstores and stationers within close proximity to the ACBT campus.

## Sport and recreation

ACBT offers a range of special interest and recreation clubs and activities on campus, facilitated by the ACBT Student Council. Sports clubs include cricket, rugby, basketball, football and many more.

## Parking

If you travel to ACBT by car, you'll find ample parking in the basement car park on campus. Additional parking is available on site outside the main building.

## Cafeteria

You can enjoy a great selection of food at the ACBT Cafeteria, whilst taking in the stunning sea view from our rooftop.





# Admission Requirements to ECU Sri Lanka

Students wishing to apply for ECU Diploma or Advanced Diploma courses are required to meet English language and academic criteria. Not all qualifications or countries are listed and students with other qualifications should send their details to ECU Sri Lanka for assessment.

Visit [www.acbt.net](http://www.acbt.net) for more details.

English test type	Diploma and Advanced Diploma English entry requirement
GCE 'O' Level (Sri Lanka/Cambridge /EdExcel)	C
IELTS	5.5 with no band less than 5.0
Pearson Test of English (PTE)	49 with no score less than 49
SPM English (1119)	C
TOEFL Internet (no band less than 15)	60
GCE 'A' Level (Sri Lanka)	S





## Academic requirements:

Country	Diploma (Year 1)	Diploma (Year 2)
Sri Lanka	Completion of Year 11 / GCE 'O' levels or equivalent	A minimum 2 passes in Sri Lankan A-Levels
Australia	Year 11 with a minimum 50% in 4 WACE subjects, plus a minimum C grade in English	Year 12 with a minimum 50% in 4 WACE subjects, plus a minimum C grade in English; or a minimum ATAR of 50 plus a minimum C grade in English
Bangladesh	Completion of Higher Secondary Certificate or Year 11 equivalent with an average of 50%	Completion of Higher Secondary Certificate (10+2) / Intermediate with an average of 50%
Bhutan	Bhutan Secondary Education Certificate with a minimum average of 50%	Bhutan Higher Secondary Education Certificate with a minimum average of 50%
Brunei, Mauritius	Completion of Form 5 / GCE 'O' levels	2 passes in the GCE 'A' levels
China	Senior Middle 2 (Gao Er) with a minimum average of 50%	Senior Middle 3 (Gao San) with a minimum average of 70%
India	Completion of Senior Secondary Certificate (10 + 1)	Completion of Higher Secondary Certificate (10+2) with a minimum second division pass
International Baccalaureate	Year 1 Diploma	Minimum of 20 points from 6 subjects
Kenya	Completion of GCE 'O' Levels or equivalent	Completion of KCSE with a 'C' grade average or 2 passes in the GCE 'A' levels, or 1 'A' and 2 'AS' levels
Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Completion of GCE 'O' Levels or equivalent	2 passes in GCE 'A' levels or 1 'A' and 2 'AS' levels
Malaysia	Completion of Form 5 / SPM; Senior Middle 2 or equivalent	2 passes in the STPM / NGMP 2.0; UEC – 2B's and 2C's in academic
Nepal	Completion of Higher Secondary Certificate or Year 11 equivalent with a minimum average of 50%	Completion of Higher Secondary Certificate (10+2)/Intermediate with a minimum average of 50%
Nigeria	Completion of Senior Secondary School examinations (WAEC or NECO) with 5 grades at D7 level	Completion of Senior Secondary School Certificate (WAEC or NECO) with 5 grades at C6 level
Pakistan	Completion of Higher Secondary Certificate or Year 11 equivalent with average of 50%	Completion of Higher Secondary Certificate (10+2)/Intermediate with average of 50%
South Korea	High School Leaving Certificate Year 2 with a minimum D-grade average	High School Leaving Certificate Year 3 with a minimum C-grade average
Taiwan	Senior High School (Year 2) with a 60% average	Senior High School with 60% in final year results (Year 3)

## Postgraduate program

A recognised Bachelor's Degree or 5 years' work experience in an executive capacity with 2 years' senior management.

### Postgraduate English requirement

A recognised degree from the UK, US, Australia, Canada or 6.5 overall band score with a 6.0 individual band score in IELTS.

## If you do not meet the English requirements

If you do not meet the English language requirements, you may be eligible for a Mixed Program, which is the Academic English program at ACBT, to improve your English language proficiency. If students wish to improve their English further, they could also join the General English course while they study at ACBT.

### English Language Course

ACBT could also arrange English Support Classes if students need to improve their English level while continuing their academic study at ACBT.

# Fees and Student Visas

If you wish to study in Sri Lanka, you must obtain a valid student visa. The Sri Lankan Government issues student visas for full-time study on the understanding that you have sufficient funds for study and living expenses for the duration of your stay in Sri Lanka.

Program	Minimum Duration	Per Unit	Fees per Semester (four units) and Accommodation
University Foundation	2 Semester	USD 440	USD 2960
Diploma	2 Semester	USD 575	USD 3500
Advanced Diploma	2 Semester	USD 575	USD 3500
ECU Bachelor Degree	2 Semester	USD 900	USD 4800
Accommodation	1 Semester	USD 1200	

## Program fees include:

- Tuition (a minimum of one year fee is payable on enrolment for one year student visa)
- Accommodation (sharing basis)
- Access to library, computing, sporting and social activities
- Student counselling and academic assistance as required
- Unlimited internet downloads for coursework

## Free:

- Airport meet and greet/orientation program
- Visa processing fee
- Application fee



## Program fees do not include:

- Meals and transport
- Entertainment
- Textbooks, stationery and printing
- Health cover

Please note that all fees are reviewed annually.

## Applying for a student visa

There are regulations that must be met before a student visa can be issued and these vary from country to country. Information about how to apply for your student visa can be obtained from your Education Agent or the nearest Sri Lanka High Commission or Diplomatic Mission in your country.

Visit [www.immigration.gov.lk/](http://www.immigration.gov.lk/) or an agent in your home country for more information.





## Conditions of enrolment

- ☐ Student visas are usually issued for the duration of the course. Information on student visa application or renewal is available at [www.immigration.gov.lk/](http://www.immigration.gov.lk/)
- ☐ ACBT is obliged to report to the Sri Lankan Government any student who is not making satisfactory progress in their studies.
- ☐ Student visa conditions require a student to notify their education provider of any change to their residential address in Sri Lanka within seven days.
- ☐ It is a visa requirement that International students pay and maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) while studying in Sri Lanka.
- ☐ You should acquaint yourself with full Sri Lankan student visa conditions at [www.immigration.gov.lk/](http://www.immigration.gov.lk/) before accepting your offer at ACBT.
- ☐ International students must meet the minimum English language proficiency requirement for entry into the course. The student will be required to enrol in the Mixed Program in the first semester of study prior to the commencement of studies at the discretion of ACBT.

# How to Apply to ACBT

To apply for the Foundation or one of the Diploma courses leading to a Bachelor's degree at ACBT, follow the application process below.

## Application process

- Complete the application form
- Attach certified copies of:
  - All academic qualifications (including school reports and official examination certificates).
  - English test results or other evidence of English competency.
  - Any relevant employment documents (if applicable).
- Attach two copies of passport-size photographs of the applicant to the completed application form. Submit the completed application form to ACBT to the address at the end of the application form.

## What happens next?

- If your application is successful, you will receive a letter of offer explaining the course you have been offered, the fees payable, orientation details and course start dates.
- To confirm your place in the course, you must pay a non-refundable application fee of USD 100.
- For further information about the application process, speak to an ACBT marketing counsellor.

# Listen to our Students' Testimonials



The facilities at ACBT are brilliant and have been tremendously helpful whenever students are in need. Classes are flexible and limited to a few students per class. There is a variety of sports available for anybody who is keen, which further helps getting along with other students. So far, my experience at ACBT has been great!

**Dimitri Grebe**



ACBT has been a great experience so far. The tremendous help and support offered by the faculty has helped me stay on track in order to achieve my goals. There is a variety of subjects offered and all classes are flexible, the lecturers are extremely helpful and offer much of their time to passionately educate the students. There are many sports offered at ACBT, in which students can excel in and put their talent to good use, this also helps students interact and get to know each other better. ACBT has been a great and exciting journey so far.

**Alan Dasanayaka**





# Application Process to ECU

Getting ready for your academic journey at ECU is simple. Here's how to submit your application to us if you are applying for undergraduate courses or postgraduate coursework courses.

If you need assistance, our office can help you with finding the right course, gathering your documents and/or applying to ECU.

Email : [suzan.karunaratne@acbt.lk](mailto:suzan.karunaratne@acbt.lk), International Students at ACBT Colombo Campus.



## ECU 2019 Academic Calendar

Semester 1, 2019		Semester 2, 2019	
Orientation	11-22 February	Orientation	15-26 July
Semester Commences	25 February	Semester Commences	29 July
Mid Semester Break	22-26 April	Mid Semester Break	30 September - 4 October
Study Week	3-7 June	Study Week	4-8 November
Exams	10-21 June	Review and Examination	11-22 November

**Our changing world needs a  
university to change with it.**

**A university where courses composed  
with industry deliver the most relevant  
knowledge and skills.**

**So be the graduate the changing  
world needs.**

**And get ready at ECU.**

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of our campuses and facilities.

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