



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

UWA IN BRIEF 2000

Student Enrolments 2000	14,687
Student Load (EFTSU) 2000	12,390
Commencing Students 2000	5,227
Postgraduate Enrolments 2000	3,163
Higher Degree by Research Enrolments 2000	1,684
Total Staff (FTE) 2000	2,403
Academic Staff (FTE) 2000	1,045
Course Completions 1999	3,513
Research Income 1999 (\$'000)	54,730
Weighted Research Quantum Publications 1999	1,385
Operating Revenue 1999 (\$'000)	307,333
Operating Expenses 1999 (\$'000)	289,956

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Mission

To advance, transmit and sustain knowledge and understanding, through the conduct of teaching, research, and scholarship at the highest international standards, for the benefit of the international and national communities and the State of Western Australia.

Vision

In the 21st Century, The University of Western Australia will be recognised internationally as an excellent research-intensive university and a leading intellectual and creative resource to the communities it serves.

It will provide a broad and balanced coverage of disciplines in the arts, sciences, and the professions at internationally recognised standards. It will be characterised by a strong research and postgraduate emphasis across the full range of its disciplines and it will be noted for concentrations of particular research excellence in selected areas of strength, opportunity and importance.

The University's research and postgraduate strength will be linked to and sustained by a high quality undergraduate programme in which teaching and learning takes place in an atmosphere of research and scholarship. The University will foster an international focus for all its activities and standards as an integral part of its overriding commitment to excellence and high quality. It will be valued above all, for its enduring commitment to improving society through learning and discovery.

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Significant Facts

- The University of Western Australia, the State's first university, was established in 1911 and opened with 184 students in three faculties: Arts, Engineering and Science. Today the University enrolls over 14,000 students, in 8 faculties: Agriculture, Arts, Economics & Commerce, Education, Engineering & Mathematical Sciences, Law, Medicine & Dentistry and Science.
- UWA consistently attracts high calibre students. In 2000, UWA enrolled 82% of the State's top 5% of school-leavers and 70% of the top 10% of school leavers who enrolled at Western Australian universities.
- UWA has proportionally the highest intake of school-leavers nationally. School-leavers represented 71% of its local commencing undergraduate students in 1999, while the national average was 43%.
- UWA's pass rates are amongst the highest nationally. The latest national figures, published by DETYA, showed UWA had the highest retention rate of all universities in 1996.
- In 1999, 12.1% of UWA's enrolments were in higher degree by research compared with a national average of 5.4%. The University's higher degree by research enrolments have increased over the past ten years by more than 72.7%. The latest national figures show that in 1999, UWA had the second highest proportion of higher degree research enrolments nationally.
- UWA recorded 4.0 higher degree by research completions per 10 academic staff FTE in 1998; significantly higher than the national average of 2.4.
- The quality of the University's teaching and research in higher education has been recognised by the Committee for Quality Assurance that gave UWA top ratings in each of the three quality assurance rounds.
- UWA obtained 6.5% of total research funds and 7.9% of the National Competitive Grant funds allocated to Australian higher education institutions in 1998. These allocations were the nation's second highest on a per capita basis.
- The 65-hectare Crawley campus is widely acclaimed for the beauty of its setting beside the Swan River and for its grounds and buildings, which are listed in the Register of the Australian National Estate. There are over 200 species of plants and trees whose exotic variety and rich profusion enhance the tranquillity and beauty of the grounds, and support over 55 species of birds.

Comparative Statistics ^(a)

	Total Enrolment 1999 (b)	% Overseas 1999 (c)	% Postgraduate 1999 (d)	% Higher Degree Research 1999 (e)	% Commencing School Leavers 1999 (f)	(\$) Research Income (g) per Acad. FTE 1998 (h)	HD Research Completions per 10 Acad. FTE 1998 (h)
UWA	13,333	11.1	18.7	12.1	70.7	\$71,357	4.0
ANU	9,375	9.7	24.6	13.4	59.0	\$27,288 (i)	6.0
Sydney	34,761	9.1	22.0	9.6	60.3	\$53,503	3.0
UNSW	29,676	18.7	32.7	7.6	59.1	\$61,268	2.6
Melbourne	33,099	12.2	26.0	9.8	57.4	\$61,583	3.7
Monash	40,625	18.8	20.5	6.5	47.9	\$38,073	3.1
Queensland	29,591	7.8	19.6	10.6	57.3	\$70,530	4.2
Adelaide	13,429	10.0	18.5	9.0	59.2	\$72,908	3.0
Curtin	24,005	25.4	18.3	4.6	37.2	\$19,213	1.7
Edith Cowan	19,259	8.1	14.3	3.1	28.2	\$7,301	1.3
Murdoch	10,660	15.8	17.3	5.3	37.0	\$36,122	2.4
Australia	686,267	12.1	20.3	5.4	42.9	\$35,238	2.4

(a) For the Group of 8 leading Australian research universities and Western Australian universities

Source: *DETYA Selected Higher Education Statistics*, unless otherwise indicated

(b) DETYA total enrolment data exclude time-limit students and various other categories

(c) Number of overseas student enrolments as a % of total enrolments

(d) All postgraduate enrolments as a % of total enrolments

(e) Number of Doctorate and Masters by research enrolments as a % of total enrolments

(f) Number of commencing undergraduate school leaver enrolments as a % of commencing undergraduate enrolments, excluding cross-institutional enrolments

(g) Source: DETYA, unpublished summary of Financial and Publications Research Data Collection

(h) Full-time equivalence of academic staff, with a level B or above appointment, excluding casual staff

(i) ANU Research Income excludes the Institute of Advanced Studies

Student Enrolments

(as at 31 March)

	2000	1999	1998
Total Number of Enrolments	14,687	14,536	14,100
Total Student Load (EFTSU)	12,390	12,349	12,053
Commencing Enrolments	5,227	5,149	4,821
Full-Time Enrolments (No.)	11,125	11,135	10,829
% Full-Time (of total)	76%	77%	77%
Postgraduate Enrolments (No.)	3,163	3,175	2,945
% Postgraduate (of total)	22%	22%	21%
Higher Degree Research Enrolments (No.)	1,684	1,687	1,614
% Higher Degree Research (of total)	11%	12%	11%
Fee-Paying Overseas Enrolments (No.)	1,779	1,723	1,620
% Fee-Paying Overseas (of total)	12%	12%	11%
Fee-Paying Non-Overseas Enrolments (No.)	686	611	506
% Fee-Paying Non-Overseas (of total)	5%	4%	4%
Female Enrolments (No.)	7,478	7,384	7,161
% Female (of total)	51%	51%	51%
Total Operating Grant (a) Load (EFTSU)	10,489	10,429	10,187
Commencing Operating Grant (a) Load (EFTSU)	3,558	3,605	3,449
School Leavers (Operating Grant No.)	2,124	2,169	2,120
School Leavers as a % of Undergraduate Commencing (Op Grant No.)	66%	68%	70%

(a) Operating grant load excluding local fee-paying student load

Student Load (EFTSU) by Faculty and Course Type Group, 2000

	Higher Deg Res	Masters Crsework	Other Postgrad	Under- grad	Total
Agriculture	123.9	0.0	2.1	221.1	347.1
Arts	222.9	3.7	19.1	2,278.4	2,524.1
Econ. & Com., Ed. & Law	215.7	368.0	269.5	2,585.6	3,438.9
Eng. & Math Sciences	188.9	21.7	12.9	2,022.2	2,245.7
Medicine & Dentistry	257.6	32.5	7.4	1,162.8	1,460.4
Science	325.3	37.5	39.9	1,949.6	2,352.2
Other	0.0	0.5	0.3	20.8	21.6
Total (a)	1,334.4	463.8	351.3	10,240.5	12,390.0

(a) Discrepancies between the sums of component items and totals are due to rounding

Course Completions

	1999	1998	1997
Higher Doctorate	2	4	2
Doctorate	167	183	147
Master's by Research	66	73	65
Master's by Coursework	313	263	227
Higher Degree Qualifying	15	25	16
Postgraduate Diploma	262	311	262
Graduate Certificate	105	36	28
Graduate Entry Bachelor's	90	90	103
Bachelor's Honours	725	746	670
Bachelor's Pass	1,754	1,834	1,734
Diploma	14	10	8
Total	3,513	3,575	3,262

Graduate Destinations

(as at 30 April, for bachelor degrees and undergraduate diplomas completed in previous year)

	1999	1998	1997
Full-time study	40%	41%	40%
Full-time work	40%	39%	40%
Unemployed	4%	4%	4%
Part-time seeking full-time work	5%	5%	5%
Working part-time or seeking part-time work only	6%	5%	6%
Unavailable for full-time study or work	5%	6%	5%

Staff ^(a)

(Full-time equivalence of staff, excluding casual staff as at 31 March)

	2000		1999	1998
	FTE	%	FTE	FTE
Academic				
Teaching & Research	741	31%	705	705
Research Only	303	13%	291	281
Total	1,045	43%	997	987
Non-Academic				
Research Only	183	8%	190	220
Other	1,175	49%	1,177	1,172
Total	1,358	57%	1,368	1,392
Total Staff	2,403	100%	2,365	2,379
% Female Academic (of total Acad.)		30%	30%	30%
% Female Non-Academic (of total Non-Acad.)		58%	57%	58%

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Research Activity

Research Income (\$'000) (a)		1999	1998	1997
Agriculture	National Competitive Grants	7,777	6,957	6,605
	Other Public Sector Funding	649	750	450
	Industry and Other Funding	1,586	936	976
	Total	10,011	8,643	8,032
Arts	National Competitive Grants	629	613	793
	Other Public Sector Funding	77	128	92
	Industry and Other Funding	338	247	213
	Total	1,044	989	1,100
Econ. & Com., Ed. & Law	National Competitive Grants	597	779	994
	Other Public Sector Funding	699	1,049	591
	Industry and Other Funding	147	215	203
	Total	1,443	2,044	1,789
Eng & Math Sciences	National Competitive Grants	4,083	4,715	3,899
	Other Public Sector Funding	894	511	1,165
	Industry and Other Funding	2,495	3,000	2,785
	Total	7,473	8,228	7,850
Medicine & Dentistry	National Competitive Grants	13,250	12,760	12,076
	Other Public Sector Funding	4,032	4,042	3,357
	Industry and Other Funding	6,325	7,061	8,037
	Total	23,607	23,864	23,471
Science	National Competitive Grants	7,882	6,417	7,016
	Other Public Sector Funding	1,036	1,420	1,380
	Industry and Other Funding	1,890	2,028	2,289
	Total	10,808	9,865	10,685
Grand Total (b)	National Competitive Grants	34,205	32,266	31,390
	Other Public Sector Funding	7,387	7,903	7,038
	Industry and Other Funding	13,139	13,503	14,531
	Total	54,730	53,672	52,960

(a) As reported in the DETYA Financial & Publications Research Data Collection

(b) Grand total includes research income not allocated to faculties

Research Publications (a)		1999	1998	1997
Books – Authored Research		15	21	19
Book Chapters		128	128	108
Articles in Scholarly Refereed Journals		1,023	974	932
Full Written Conference Paper – Refereed Proceedings		219	172	175
Weighted Total (b)		1,385	1,296	1,313

(a) As reported in the DETYA Financial & Publications Research Data Collection

(b) Weighted using a ratio of 5:1:1:1

Finance (\$'000) ^(a)

	1999	1998	1997
Operating Revenue			
Commonwealth Government Grants	120,254	122,900	124,884
Higher Education Contribution Scheme	37,589	31,560	29,541
Western Australian Government Grants	9,002	8,334	7,511
Other Research Grants & Contracts	41,752	32,716	32,365
Scholarships & Prizes	166	169	189
Donations & Bequests	5,851	8,294	7,487
Investment Income	38,542	50,316	45,109
Fees & Charges	34,092	33,304	33,451
Trading Income	-	-	4,797
Other	20,265	19,803	20,394
Total Operating Revenue	307,333	307,396	305,728
Operating Expenses			
Academic Activities	184,434	184,662	178,240
Libraries	14,342	11,896	11,890
Other Academic Support Services	2,545	2,304	6,286
Student Services	17,404	15,616	14,640
Public Services	11,379	12,109	11,374
Admin. & Other General Institutional Services	43,292	35,550	32,873
Buildings & Grounds	14,817	12,245	10,494
Other	1,743	2,062	2,338
Total Operating Expenses	289,956	276,444	268,135
Assets			
Current Assets	45,514	52,885	75,499
Non Current Assets	1,106,181	1,081,001	1,023,471
Total Assets	1,151,695	1,133,886	1,098,970
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	58,426	58,203	54,239
Non Current Liabilities	20,589	20,380	20,692
Total Liabilities	79,015	78,583	74,931
Net Assets	1,072,680	1,055,303	1,024,039

(a) Figures from 1998 and 1999 Annual Reports