



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

UWA IN BRIEF 2001

Student Enrolments 2001	15,166
Student Load (EFTSU) 2001	12,846
Commencing Students 2001	5,813
Postgraduate Enrolments 2001	3,299
Higher Degree by Research Enrolments 2001	1,661
Total Staff (FTE) 2001	2,447
Academic Staff (FTE) 2001	1,048
Course Completions 2000	3,499
Research Income 2000 (\$'000)	69,096
Weighted Research Quantum Publications 2000	1,299
Operating Revenue 2000 (\$'000)	334,566
Operating Expenses 2000 (\$'000)	310,517

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 15,000 students, in 8 faculties: Agriculture, Arts, Economics & Commerce, Education, Engineering & Mathematical Sciences, Law, Medicine & Dentistry and Science.
- UWA consistently attracts high calibre students. In 2001, UWA enrolled 80% of the State's top 5% of school-leavers and 69% 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 74% of its local commencing undergraduate students in 2000, while the national average was 48%.
- 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 2000, 12.2% 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 55%. The latest national figures show that in 2000, UWA had the second highest proportion of higher degree research enrolments nationally.
- UWA recorded 3.7 higher degree by research completions per 10 academic staff FTE in 1999; significantly higher than the national average of 2.5.
- 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 7.9% of the National Competitive Grant funds and 6.2% of the total research funds allocated to Australian higher education institutions in 1999. On a per capita basis, these were the nation's first and third highest allocations.
- 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 2000 (b)	% Overseas 2000 (c)	% Postgraduate 2000 (d)	% Higher Degree Research 2000 (e)	% Commencing School Leavers 2000 (f)	(\$) Research Income (g) per Acad. FTE 1999 (h)	HD Research Completions per 10 Acad. FTE 1999 (h)
UWA	13,479	11.3%	18.8%	12.2%	73.8%	\$70,865	3.7
ANU	9,379	10.2%	26.4%	13.9%	61.8%	\$28,003 (i)	6.0
Sydney	35,121	10.5%	21.1%	9.6%	66.6%	\$60,034	1.3
UNSW	31,498	20.6%	32.6%	6.9%	68.0%	\$61,817	2.7
Melbourne	33,362	14.7%	26.4%	10.1%	71.4%	\$67,632	4.2
Monash	41,648	21.3%	20.9%	6.0%	54.1%	\$40,755	3.1
Queensland	29,716	9.5%	19.4%	10.5%	59.7%	\$73,293	4.3
Adelaide	12,885	11.0%	18.9%	9.5%	53.7%	\$77,370	3.2
Curtin	21,614	19.7%	16.2%	3.5%	48.8%	\$20,636	2.0
Edith Cowan	19,091	11.1%	14.6%	3.6%	34.0%	\$6,408	1.2
Murdoch	10,863	16.8%	18.9%	5.9%	41.2%	\$38,872	2.3
Australia	695,484	13.7%	20.5%	5.4%	47.8%	\$37,722	2.5

(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)

	2001	2000	1999
Total Number of Enrolments	15,166	14,687	14,536
Total Student Load (EFTSU)	12,846	12,390	12,349
Commencing Enrolments	5813	5,227	5,149
Full-Time Enrolments (No.)	11,814	11,125	11,135
% Full-Time (of total)	78%	76%	77%
Postgraduate Enrolments (No.)	3,299	3,163	3,175
% Postgraduate (of total)	22%	22%	22%
Higher Degree Research Enrolments (No.)	1,661	1,684	1,687
% Higher Degree Research (of total)	11%	11%	12%
Fee-Paying Overseas Enrolments (No.)	2,020	1,779	1,723
% Fee-Paying Overseas (of total)	13%	12%	12%
Fee-Paying Local Enrolments (No.)	879	686	611
% Fee-Paying Local (of total)	6%	5%	4%
Total Local Non-Fee Paying Enrolments (No.)	12,197	12,096	12,081
% Local Non-Fee Paying Enrolments (of total)	80%	82%	83%
Female Enrolments (No.)	7,742	7,478	7,384
% Female (of total)	51%	51%	51%
School Leavers (Operating Grant No.)	2,136	2,124	2,169
School Leavers as a % of Undergraduate Commencing (Op Grant No.)	63%	66%	68%

Student Load (EFTSU) by Faculty and Course Type Group, 2001

	Higher Deg Res	Masters Crsework	Other Postgrad	Under- grad	Total
Agriculture	133.6	0.0	3.5	242.8	379.9
Arts	214.0	1.3	19.7	2,235.2	2,470.3
Econ. & Com., Ed. & Law	207.4	398.0	273.6	2,712.5	3,591.5
Eng. & Math Sciences	180.4	21.9	12.4	2,229.7	2,444.4
Medicine & Dentistry	277.6	44.7	10.6	1,135.1	1,467.9
Science	321.4	41.3	36.3	2,058.7	2,457.7
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	34.5	34.5
Total (a)	1,334.4	507.2	356.2	10,648.5	12,846.3

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

Course Completions

	2000	1999	1998
Higher Doctorate	2	2	4
Doctorate	175	167	183
Master's by Research	59	66	73
Master's by Coursework	324	313	263
Higher Degree Qualifying	13	15	25
Postgraduate Diploma	257	262	311
Graduate Certificate	121	105	36
Graduate Entry Bachelor's	91	90	90
Bachelor's Honours	693	725	746
Bachelor's Pass	1,743	1,754	1,834
Diploma	21	14	10
Total	3,499	3,513	3,575

Graduate Destinations

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

	2000	1999	1998
Full-time study	38%	40%	41%
Full-time work	43%	40%	39%
Unemployed	4%	4%	4%
Part-time seeking full-time work	5%	5%	5%
Working part-time or seeking part-time work only	5%	6%	5%
Unavailable for full-time study or work	5%	5%	6%

Staff (a)

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

	2001		2000	1999
	FTE	%	FTE	FTE
Academic				
Teaching & Research	756	31%	741	705
Research Only	292	12%	303	291
Total	1,048	43%	1,045	997
Non-Academic				
Research Only	208	9%	183	190
Other	1,191	49%	1,175	1,177
Total	1,399	57%	1,358	1,368
Total Staff	2,447	100%	2,403	2,365
% Female Academic (of total Acad.)		31%	30%	30%
% Female Non-Academic (of total Non-Acad.)		58%	58%	57%

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Research Activity

Research Income (\$'000) (a)		2000	1999	1998
Agriculture	National Competitive Grants	8,700	7,777	6,957
	Other Public Sector Funding	1,721	649	750
	Industry and Other Funding	1,270	1,586	936
	Total	11,691	10,011	8,643
Arts	National Competitive Grants	1,094	629	613
	Other Public Sector Funding	415	77	128
	Industry and Other Funding	622	338	247
	Total	2,131	1,044	989
Econ. & Com., Ed. & Law	National Competitive Grants	746	597	779
	Other Public Sector Funding	484	699	1,049
	Industry and Other Funding	315	147	215
	Total	1,546	1,443	2,044
Eng & Math Sciences	National Competitive Grants	5,264	4,083	4,715
	Other Public Sector Funding	3,237	894	511
	Industry and Other Funding	1,818	2,495	3,000
	Total	10,319	7,473	8,228
Medicine & Dentistry	National Competitive Grants	15,925	13,250	12,760
	Other Public Sector Funding	9,509	4,032	4,042
	Industry and Other Funding	4,859	6,325	7,061
	Total	30,292	23,607	23,864
Science	National Competitive Grants	7,592	7,882	6,417
	Other Public Sector Funding	4,222	1,036	1,420
	Industry and Other Funding	450	1,890	2,028
	Total	12,265	10,808	9,865
Grand Total (b)	National Competitive Grants	39,322	34,205	32,266
	Other Public Sector Funding	19,590	7,387	7,903
	Industry and Other Funding	10,183	13,139	13,503
	Total	69,096	54,730	53,672

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

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

Research Publications (a)	2000	1999	1998
Books – Authored Research	22	15	21
Book Chapters	121	128	128
Articles in Scholarly Refereed Journals	988	1,023	974
Full Written Conference Paper – Refereed Proceedings	168	219	172
Weighted Total (b)	1,299	1,385	1,296

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

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

Finance (\$'000) (a)

	2000	1999	1998
Operating Revenue			
Commonwealth Government Grants	120,927	120,254	122,900
Higher Education Contribution Scheme	39,651	37,589	31,560
Western Australian Government Grants	24,827	9,002	8,334
Other Research Grants & Contracts	36,685	33,665	32,716
Scholarships & Prizes	1,159	166	169
Donations & Bequests	7,482	13,758	8,294
Investment Income	33,581	38,542	50,316
Fees & Charges	39,402	34,092	33,304
Trading Income	-	-	-
Other	30,852	20,265	19,803
Total Operating Revenue	334,566	307,333	307,396
Operating Expenses			
Academic Activities	207,092	189,194	184,662
Libraries	13,673	14,342	11,896
Other Academic Support Services	3,323	2,545	2,304
Student Services	15,654	17,404	15,616
Public Services	15,927	11,379	12,109
Admin. & Other General Institutional Services	38,266	38,532	35,550
Buildings & Grounds	14,519	14,817	12,245
Other	2,063	1,743	2,062
Total Operating Expenses	310,517	289,956	276,444
Assets			
Current Assets	45,191	45,514	52,885
Non Current Assets	1,132,782	1,106,181	1,081,001
Total Assets	1,177,973	1,151,695	1,133,886
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	57,120	58,426	58,203
Non Current Liabilities	20,225	20,589	20,380
Total Liabilities	77,345	79,015	78,583
Net Assets	1,100,628	1,072,680	1,055,303

(a) Figures from 1998 to 2000 Annual Reports