



UWA IN BRIEF 2003

Student Enrolments 2003	16,358
Student Load (EFTSU) 2003	13,592
Commencing Students 2003	5,864
Postgraduate Enrolments 2003	3,995
Higher Degree by Research Enrolments 2003	1,687
Total Staff (FTE) 2003	2,645
Academic Staff (FTE) 2003	1,094
Course Completions 2002	3,957
Research Income 2002 (\$'000)	73,560
Weighted Research Publications 2002	1,412
Operating Revenue 2002 (\$'000)	360,595
Operating Expenses 2002 (\$'000)	363,684

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 16,000 students, in 9 faculties: Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts; Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Economics and Commerce; Education; Engineering, Computing and Mathematics; Law; Life and Physical Sciences; Medicine and Dentistry; Natural and Agricultural Sciences.
- UWA consistently attracts high calibre students. In 2003 UWA enrolled 84% of the State's top 5% of school-leavers and 74% 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 74.9% of its local commencing undergraduate students in 2002, whilst the national average was 43.4%.
- In 2002, 11.5% of UWA's enrolments were in higher degree by research compared with a national average of 4.9%. The latest national figures show that in 2002, UWA had the second highest proportion of higher degree research enrolments nationally.
- UWA recorded 3.8 higher degree by research completions per 10 academic staff FTE in 2001; significantly higher than the national average of 2.5.
- The University's postgraduate student enrolments have increased by almost 50% over the past ten years.
- UWA obtained 7.4% of the National Competitive Grant funds and 6.4% of the total research income funds allocated to Australian higher education institutions in 2001. On a per capita basis, these were the nation's second 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.
- UWA has regional centres located in Albany and Geraldton. In 2002 UWA won an Australian University Teaching Award for its innovative and practical approach to the provision of educational services to the local and regional community in the Great Southern Region.

Comparative Statistics

	Total Enrolment 2002 (a)	Percentage Overseas 2002 (b)	Percentage Postgraduate 2002 (c)	Percentage Higher Degree Research 2002 (d)	Percentage Commencing School Leavers 2002 (e)	Research Income (f) per Academic FTE 2001 (g) (\$)	Higher Degree Research Completions per 10 Academic FTE 2001 (g)
UWA	15,885	16.0%	24.9%	11.5%	74.9%	\$87,103	3.8
Sydney	42,305	17.4%	25.5%	8.2%	62.2%	\$72,696	3.3
UNSW	42,333	24.4%	37.9%	6.3%	66.5%	\$73,913	3.0
Melbourne	39,378	19.9%	29.8%	9.6%	69.6%	\$84,282	4.6
Monash	52,010	27.9%	26.9%	5.6%	53.5%	\$50,679	3.1
Queensland	37,498	14.9%	24.7%	9.7%	58.4%	\$91,125	4.0
Adelaide	16,188	15.3%	23.1%	9.2%	66.6%	\$93,798	3.4
ANU	11,979	16.8%	30.4%	12.4%	47.5%	\$59,780	7.1
Curtin	33,240	34.0%	22.3%	4.8%	44.5%	\$28,921	1.7
Edith Cowan	23,829	16.0%	17.3%	3.1%	26.8%	\$11,295	1.3
Murdoch	12,734	17.4%	18.9%	5.7%	35.4%	\$48,659	2.7
Australia	896,621	20.6%	25.3%	4.9%	43.4%	\$46,036	2.5

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

(a) DEST total enrolment data exclude exchange students and various other categories

(b) Number of overseas student enrolments as a percentage of total enrolments

(c) All postgraduate enrolments as a percentage of total enrolments

(d) Number of Doctorate and Masters by research enrolments as a percentage of total enrolments

(e) Number of commencing undergraduate school leaver enrolments as a percentage of commencing undergraduate enrolments, excluding cross-institutional enrolments and overseas students

(f) Source: DEST, unpublished summary of Higher Education Research Data Collection

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

Student Enrolments

(as at 31 March)

	2003	2002	2001
Total Number of Enrolments	16,358	15,529	15,166
Total Student Load (EFTSU)	13,592	12,959	12,846
Commencing Enrolments	5,864	5,608	5,813
Full-Time Enrolments (No.)	12,073	12,108	11,814
Percentage Full-Time (of total)	74%	78%	78%
Postgraduate Enrolments (No.)	3,995	3,558	3,299
Percentage Postgraduate (of total)	24%	23%	22%
Higher Degree Research Enrolments (No.)	1,687	1,677	1,661
Percentage Higher Degree Research (of total)	10%	11%	11%
Fee-Paying Overseas Enrolments (No.)	2,757	2,348	2,020
Percentage Fee-Paying Overseas (of total)	17%	15%	13%
Fee-Paying Local Enrolments (No.)	1,319	1,028	879
Percentage Fee-Paying Local (of total)	8%	7%	6%
Local Non-Fee Paying Enrolments (No.)	12,177	12,093	12,197
Percentage Local Non-Fee Paying Enrolments (of total)	74%	78%	80%
Female Enrolments (No.)	8,227	7,901	7,742
Percentage Female (of total)	50%	51%	51%

Student Load (EFTSU) by Faculty and Course Type Group, 2003

	Higher Degree Research	Masters Course- work	Other Postgrad- uate	Under- graduate	Total
Architect., Ldscp & Vis Arts	24.0		1.0	541.7	566.7
Arts, Humanities & Soc Sc.	181.9	0.8	18.1	1,737.3	1,938.1
Economics & Commerce	111.5	487.2	126.0	2,033.2	2,757.8
Education	114.2	72.7	195.2	45.0	427.1
Engineering, Comp & Maths	189.2	34.3	25.4	2,205.0	2,453.9
Law	13.9	21.7	18.0	902.7	956.2
Life & Physical Sc.	281.6	59.6	60.0	2,017.4	2,418.5
Medicine & Dentistry	196.2	32.0	14.1	834.5	1,076.7
Natural & Agricultural Sc.	245.0	9.8	29.7	609.1	893.6
Indigenous Studies			7.6	60.9	68.5
Other		3.3		31.0	34.3
Total (a)	1,357.5	721.2	495.0	11,017.9	13,591.5

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

Course Completions

	2002	2001	2000
Higher Doctorate	1		2
Doctorate	185	167	175
Master's by Research	68	82	59
Master's by Coursework	452	367	324
Higher Degree Qualifying	21	13	13
Graduate Diploma	306	245	257
Graduate Certificate	172	146	121
Graduate Entry Bachelor's	115	132	91
Bachelor's Honours	747	783	750
Bachelor's Pass	1,872	1,750	1,686
Diploma	18	13	21
Total	3,957	3,698	3,499

Graduate Destinations

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

	2002	2001	2000
Full-time study	43%	37%	38%
Full-time work	35%	40%	43%
Unemployed	6%	4%	4%
Part-time seeking full-time work	5%	5%	5%
Working part-time or seeking part-time work only	4%	11%	5%
Unavailable for full-time study or work	7%	3%	5%

Staff

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

	2003		2002	2001
	FTE	%	FTE	FTE
Academic				
Teaching & Research	781	30%	749	756
Research Only	313	12%	317	292
Total	1,094	41%	1,066	1,048
Non-Academic				
Research Only	217	8%	199	208
Other	1,334	50%	1,295	1,191
Total	1,551	59%	1,493	1,399
Total Staff (a)	2,645		2,559	2,447
Percentage Female Academic (of total Acad.)		34%	32%	31%
Percentage Female Non-Academic (of total Non-Acad.)		61%	60%	58%

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

Research Activity

Research Income (\$'000) (a)		National Competitive Grants	Other Public Sector Funding	Industry & Other Funding	Cooperative Research Centres	Total
Architecture, Landscape & Visual Arts	2002	93	2	2		96
	2001	-9		8		-1
Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences	2002	883	63	458		1,404
	2001	700	187	446		1,333
Economics & Commerce	2002	495	400	139		1,034
	2001	483	15	78		576
Education	2002	61	66	33		161
	2001	23	24	17		65
Engineering, Computing & Mathematics	2002	3,614	2,071	4,235	762	10,682
	2001	3,962	2,377	4,191	512	11,043
Law	2002	178	374			552
	2001	214	127			341
Life & Physical Sciences	2002	6,770	1,466	2,339	219	10,794
	2001	7,281	2,094	1,666	219	11,260
Medicine & Dentistry	2002	16,054	7,882	8,398	394	32,728
	2001	13,280	5,489	5,276	370	24,414
Natural & Agricultural Science	2002	11,978	974	2,835	177	15,963
	2001	13,206	2,248	3,000		18,454
Total (b)	2002	40,126	13,297	18,585	1,553	73,560
	2001	39,610	14,368	17,407	1,101	72,486

(a) As reported in the DEST Higher Education Research Data Collection

(b) Total includes research income not allocated to faculties

Research Publications (a)	2002	2001	2000
Books – Authored Research	25	20	22
Book Chapters	104	133	121
Articles in Scholarly Refereed Journals	952	919	988
Full Written Conference Paper – Refereed Proceedings	231	219	168
Patents		1	
Major Original Creative Works		3	
Weighted Total (b)	1,412	1,376	1,389

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

(b) Weighted using a ratio of 5:1:1:1:2:1

Finance (\$'000) (a)

	2002	2001	2000
Operating Revenue			
Commonwealth Government Grants	131,536	125,115	120,927
Higher Education Contribution Scheme	44,087	42,697	39,651
Western Australian Government Grants	23,400	29,454	24,827
Other Research Grants & Contracts	50,245	41,872	33,966
Donations, Bequests & Other Grants	21,301	15,604	11,360
Investment Revenue	13,327	29,000	33,581
Fees & Charges	50,101	43,481	39,402
Other Revenue From Ordinary Activities	26,598	22,408	30,852
Total Operating Revenue	360,595	349,631	334,566
Operating Expenses			
Employee Benefits	211,490	197,683	186,030
Scholarships, Grants and Prizes	15,990	15,251	14,481
Materials and Supplies	16,487	15,915	14,433
Minor Works and Grounds	18,906	13,584	10,069
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	19,093	19,825	19,447
Other Expenses from Ordinary Activities	81,718	68,906	66,057
Total Operating Expenses	363,684	331,164	310,517
Profit / (Loss) from Ordinary Activities	(3,089)	18,467	24,049
Outside Equity Interests in Profit / (Loss)	619	456	248
Net Profit / (Loss)	(2,470)	18,923	24,297
Assets			
Current Assets	88,163	52,850	43,580
Non Current Assets	1,133,019	1,164,315	1,134,393
Total Assets	1,221,182	1,217,165	1,177,973
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	62,040	57,125	57,120
Non Current Liabilities	29,512	27,321	20,225
Total Liabilities	91,552	84,446	77,345
Net Assets	1,129,630	1,132,719	1,100,628

(a) Figures from 2001 to 2002 Annual Reports