



# UWA IN BRIEF 2006

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Student Enrolments 2006	17,538
Student Load (EFTSL) 2006	14,286
Commencing Students 2006	6,017
Postgraduate Enrolments 2006	4,095
Higher Degree by Research Enrolments 2006	1,981
Total Staff (FTE) 2006	3,018
Academic Staff (FTE) 2006	1,267
Course Completions 2005	4,425
Research Income 2005(\$'000)	115,498
Weighted Research Publications 2005	1,625
Operating Revenue 2005(\$'000)	508,833
Operating Expenses 2005 (\$'000)	467,709

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# Vision

## *Achieving International Excellence*

The University of Western Australia will be recognised internationally for its excellence in teaching and research and as a leading intellectual and creative resource to the communities it serves.

# 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 Western Australian, Australian and international communities.

## Defining Characteristics

The University will be recognised by the following defining characteristics:

- High quality, as the pervading criterion for all our activities
- Comprehensive, with a broad teaching and research profile in the arts, sciences, and professions
- Selective, within a comprehensive base, to develop particular areas of strength and emphasis
- Research-intensive, with a strong teaching and research nexus across all our disciplines
- Internationally focused, for both the content and standards of our activities
- Technologically innovative, to maximise our flexibility
- Responsive, to meet the needs of the community, our students and our graduates

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## Significant Facts

- The University of Western Australia, the State's first university, was established in 1911 and opened two years later with 184 students in three faculties: Arts, Engineering and Science. Today the University enrolls over 17,500 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, Dentistry and Health Sciences; and Natural and Agricultural Sciences.
- Located 5 km from the Perth CBD, 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.
- The University has an annual operating budget in excess of \$500 million and assets totalling over \$1.4 billion.
- University staff members have won numerous awards for teaching and research; the most noteworthy being Professor Barry Marshall and Emeritus Professor Robin Warren who were awarded the 2005 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their discovery of the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer disease.
- The University has a strong research record with 7.2% of the Australian Competitive Grant funds and 6.4% of the total research income funds allocated to Australian higher education institutions in 2004. On a per capita basis, these were the nation's third highest allocations.
- The University's achievements in teaching and learning were recognised with the award of more than \$2.5 million from the Commonwealth's Learning and Teaching Performance Fund for 2006.
- UWA consistently attracts high calibre students. In 2006 UWA enrolled 82.7% of the State's top 5% of school-leavers and 79.6% of the top 10% of school leavers who enrolled at Western Australian universities.
- In 2005, 11.4% of UWA's enrolments were in higher degree by research compared with a national average of 5.0%. The latest national figures show that in 2005, UWA had the second highest proportion of higher degree research enrolments nationally.

## Comparative Statistics

	Total Enrolment 2005 (a)	Percentage Overseas 2005 (b)	Percentage Postgraduate 2005 (c)	Percentage Higher Degree Research 2005 (d)	Research Income (e) per Academic FTE 2004 (f) (\$)	Higher Degree Research Completions per 10 Academic FTE 2004 (f)
<b>UWA</b>	<b>17,082</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>24.5%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>112,920</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Sydney	45,630	20.7%	31.3%	8.3%	99,502	4.3
UNSW	39,183	23.0%	36.2%	7.5%	80,322	4.0
Melbourne	41,827	21.4%	33.2%	10.4%	115,905	5.3
Monash	54,950	31.2%	28.9%	5.8%	65,885	3.4
Queensland	37,177	17.0%	26.4%	9.6%	99,848	4.7
Adelaide	18,943	23.3%	28.5%	9.4%	124,153	3.7
ANU	14,317	21.2%	36.6%	14.7%	96,672	5.8
Curtin	38,506	41.8%	22.9%	4.4%	36,445	2.8
Edith Cowan	23,585	18.2%	22.5%	2.4%	18,635	1.9
Murdoch	13,201	16.6%	17.1%	6.4%	90,838	3.0
Australia	957,176	25.0%	27.5%	5.0%	59,671	3.0

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

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

## Student Enrolments

(as at 31 March)

	2004	2005	2006
Total Number of Enrolments	16,659	17,181	17,538
Total Student Load (EFTSL)	13,729	14,028	14,286
Commencing Enrolments	6,008	6,186	6,017
Percentage Commencing	36.1%	36.0%	34.3%
Full-Time Enrolments	12,099	12,378	12,562
Percentage Full-Time	72.6%	72.0%	71.6%
Postgraduate Enrolments	4,129	4,118	4,095
Percentage Postgraduate	24.8%	24.0%	23.3%
Higher Degree Research Enrolments	1,752	1,816	1,981
Percentage Higher Degree Research	10.5%	10.6%	11.3%
International Fee-Paying Enrolments	2,882	3,076	3,122
Percentage International Fee-Paying	17.3%	17.9%	17.8%
Domestic Fee-Paying Enrolments	1,419	1,497	1,414
Percentage Domestic Fee-Paying	8.5%	8.7%	8.1%
Domestic Non-Fee Paying Enrolments	12,287	12,496	12,810
Percentage Domestic Non-Fee Paying	73.8%	72.7%	73.0%
Female Enrolments	8,362	8,789	8,869
Percentage Female	50.2%	51.2%	50.6%

### Student Load (EFTSL) by Faculty and Course Type Group, 2006

	Higher Degree Research	Master's Course- work	Other Post- graduate	Under- graduate	Total
Architect, Landscape & Visual Arts	22.3		2.8	570.7	595.7
Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences	225.0	8.6	32.9	1,833.9	2,100.5
Economics & Commerce	96.0	427.4	60.4	2,121.0	2,704.7
Education	136.1	52.5	139.5	56.0	384.1
Engineering, Computing & Maths	191.6	30.5	25.7	2,029.1	2,276.9
Law	16.8	22.9	13.7	1,087.2	1,140.5
Life & Physical Sciences	309.6	106.1	74.7	2,291.4	2,781.8
Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sci	238.1	75.8	22.6	1,088.4	1,424.8
Natural & Agricultural Sciences	218.3	8.7	14.7	541.6	783.3
Indigenous Studies			12.3	44.2	56.6
Other		2.4		34.4	36.8
<b>Total (a)</b>	1,453.6	734.9	399.2	11,697.9	14,285.6

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

## Course Completions

	2003	2004	2005
Higher Doctorate	5	2	1
Doctorate	211	231	270
Master's by Research	57	71	80
Master's by Coursework	516	474	591
Higher Degree Qualifying	19	6	14
Graduate Diploma	313	290	361
Graduate Certificate	195	177	104
Graduate Entry Bachelor's	128	126	118
Bachelor's Honours	869	721	862
Bachelor's Pass	1,834	1,940	2,002
Diploma	15	23	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,061</b>	<b>4,425</b>

## Graduate Destinations

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

	2003	2004	2005
Full-time study	44.7%	46.6%	38.5%
Full-time work	37.2%	38.6%	45.8%
Unemployed seeking full-time work	4.0%	3.6%	2.9%
Part-time seeking full-time work	5.1%	5.0%	4.3%
Working part-time or seeking part-time work only	5.8%	3.9%	5.6%
Unavailable for full-time study or work	3.3%	2.3%	2.8%

## Staff

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

	2004	2005	2006	
	FTE	FTE	FTE	%
<b>Academic</b>				
Teaching & Research	811	835	864	68%
Research Only	351	365	403	32%
Other		2		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Non-Academic</b>				
Research Only	226	202	204	12%
Other	1,403	1,481	1,547	88%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Total Staff (a)</b>	<b>2,792</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>3,018</b>	
Percentage Female Academic (of total Acad.)		34.5%	35.0%	33.9%
Percentage Female Non-Academic (of total Non-Acad.)		62.9%	61.8%	60.9%

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

## Research Activity

Research Income \$'000		National Competitive Grants	Other Public Sector Funding	Industry & Other Funding	Co- operative Research Centres	Total
Architecture, Landscape & Visual Arts	2005	146	152	41		339
	2004	108	104	100		311
Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences	2005	930	139	453	24	1,545
	2004	1,245	254	311		1,810
Economics & Commerce	2005	1,322	777	260		2,359
	2004	770	530	116		1,416
Education	2005	68		6		74
	2004	98	57	5		160
Engineering, Computing & Mathematics	2005	6,073	2,615	4,641	783	14,112
	2004	5,291	3,623	5,594	895	15,403
Law	2005	97	430	14		541
	2004		560			560
Life & Physical Sciences	2005	8,491	2,237	4,596	240	15,564
	2004	8,060	1,578	1,963	219	11,820
Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences	2005	24,452	9,591	10,547	438	45,029
	2004	21,519	8,423	9,282	376	39,599
Natural & Agricultural Sciences	2005	18,993	3,264	4,399	5,201	31,857
	2004	14,718	2,223	2,618	5,452	25,012
<b>Total (a) (b)</b>	2005	60,573	19,244	28,996	6,685	115,498
	2004	52,743	17,458	24,824	6,942	101,967

Source: *DEST Higher Education Research Data Collection*

(a) Total includes research income not allocated to faculties

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

Research Publications	2003	2004	2005
Books – Authored Research	17	27	19
Book Chapters	151	116	143
Articles in Scholarly Refereed Journals	1,054	1,069	1,104
Full Written Conference Paper – Refereed Proceedings	223	262	284
<b>Weighted Total (a)</b>	1,515	1,583	1,625

Source: *DEST Higher Education Research Data Collection*

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

## Finance

	2004	2005
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Australian Government Grants	204,232	226,659
HECS-HELP Australian Government Payments	38,161	42,441
FEE-HELP	3,721	4,195
Western Australian & Local Government Financial Assistance	31,605	27,606
HECS-HELP Student Payments	9,953	13,772
Other Research Grants and Contracts	18,895	21,989
Investment Income	66,863	56,032
Fees & Charges	53,520	57,347
Salary & Other Recoveries	16,253	18,355
Other Revenue	28,588	41,309
Share of Net Result of Assocs Accounted for Using the Equity Mthd	30	-872
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>471,821</b>	<b>508,833</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Employee Benefits and On-costs	258,494	276,797
Student Expenses	21,000	24,287
Materials & Supplies	19,437	22,584
Depreciation and Amortisation and Impairment	25,305	24,673
Repairs & Maintenance	12,078	12,188
Grants Distributed	20,833	23,087
Travel	14,275	14,756
Professional Fees	10,324	13,231
Other Expenses	63,929	56,196
<b>Total Expenses from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>445,675</b>	<b>467,799</b>
<b>Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>26,146</b>	<b>41,034</b>
Net Operating Result Attributable to Minority Interest	424	
<b>Net Operating Result</b>	<b>26,570</b>	<b>41,034</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets	79,695	74,965
Non Current Assets	1,327,465	1,379,550
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,407,160</b>	<b>1,454,515</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	116,850	121,862
Non Current Liabilities	29,853	29,679
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>146,703</b>	<b>151,541</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,260,457</b>	<b>1,302,974</b>

Source: 2005 UWA Annual Report