



UWA IN BRIEF 2008

Student Enrolments 2008	19,520
Student Load (EFTSL) 2007	15,419
Commencing Students 2008	7,232
Postgraduate Enrolments 2008	4,485
Higher Degree by Research Enrolments 2008	1,986
Total Staff (FTE) 2008	3,222
Academic Staff (FTE) 2008	1,339
Course Completions 2007	4,207
Research Income 2007 (\$'000)	140,907
Weighted Research Publications 2007	1,695
Operating Revenue 2007 (\$'000)	594,992
Operating Expenses 2007 (\$'000)	594,048

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 19,000 students, in nine faculties: Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts; Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; UWA Business School; 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 \$1.5 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, obtaining 6.7% of the Australian Competitive Grant funds and 6.2% of the total research income funds allocated to Australian higher education institutions in 2006. 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 \$4.8 million from the Commonwealth's Learning and Teaching Performance Fund for 2008.

UWA consistently attracts high calibre students. In 2008 UWA enrolled 82.8% of the State's top 5% of school-leavers and 79.5% of the top 10% of school leavers who enrolled at Western Australian universities.

In 2007, 9.6% of UWA's student load was in higher degrees by research compared with a national average of 4.7%. The latest national figures show that in 2007, UWA had the third highest proportion (10.8%) of higher degree research enrolments nationally.

Comparative Statistics

	Total Student Load 2007(a)	Percentage International 2007 (b)	Percentage Postgraduate 2007 (c)	Percentage Higher Degree Research 2007 (d)	Research Income (e) per Academic FTE 2006 (f) (\$)	Higher Degree Research Completions per 10 Academic FTE 2006 (f)
UWA	15,330	19.5%	18.6%	9.6%	141,701	3.8
Sydney	36,132	21.4%	24.7%	8.3%	164,534	4.5
UNSW	30,404	23.2%	24.1%	7.8%	108,010	4.8
Melbourne	34,696	27.1%	26.2%	9.0%	145,881	5.2
Monash	41,665	34.5%	21.1%	5.5%	91,367	3.6
Queensland	29,339	18.9%	21.2%	9.6%	132,453	4.1
Adelaide	16,012	27.2%	22.0%	8.1%	136,451	4.1
ANU	11,312	24.3%	31.7%	14.6%	111,337	6.6
Curtin	28,084	42.7%	15.9%	3.6%	53,012	2.4
Edith Cowan	14,865	23.0%	18.9%	2.3%	21,400	2.1
Murdoch	10,682	23.5%	15.5%	6.1%	83,220	3.1
Australia	725,892	27.1%	20.6%	4.7%	77,671	3.1

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

(a) DEEWR 2007 total student load data; excludes exchange students and various other categories

(b) International student load as a percentage of total student load

(c) All postgraduate student load as a percentage of total student load

(d) Doctorate by Research and Masters by Research load as a percentage of total load

(e) Source: DEEWR, 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)

	2006	2007	2008
Total Number of Enrolments	17,538	18,252	19,520
Commencing Enrolments	6,359	6,643	7,232
Percentage Commencing	36.2%	36.3%	37.0%
Full-Time Enrolments	12,562	13,085	13,746
Percentage Full-Time	71.6%	71.7%	70.4%
Postgraduate Enrolments	4,095	4,167	4,485
Percentage Postgraduate	23.3%	22.8%	23.0%
Higher Degree Research Enrolments	1,981	1,930	1,986
Percentage Higher Degree Research	11.3%	10.6%	10.2%
Domestic C'wlth-Supported & RTS Enrolments	12,810	13,243	14,013
Percentage Domestic C'wlth-Supported & RTS	73.0%	72.6%	71.8%
Domestic Fee-Paying Enrolments	1,414	1,428	1,283
Percentage Domestic Fee-Paying	8.1%	7.8%	6.6%
International Fee-Paying Enrolments	3,122	3,390	4,023
Percentage International Fee-Paying	17.8%	18.6%	20.6%
Female Enrolments	8,869	9,218	9,898
Percentage Female	50.6%	50.5%	50.7%

Student Load (EFTSL) by Faculty and Course Type Group, 2007

	Higher Degree Research	Other Post- graduate	Under- graduate	Total
Architect, Landscape & Visual Arts	25.5	5.6	630.4	661.5
Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences	217.1	66.7	1,963.5	2,247.3
UWA Business School	112.9	518.5	2,256.0	2,887.3
Education	115.9	196.4	51.4	363.7
Engineering, Computing & Maths	197.7	140.4	2,124.0	2,462.2
Law	20.5	29.5	1,133.6	1,183.6
Life & Physical Sciences	325.7	253.0	2,430.3	3,008.9
Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sci	244.1	129.4	1,221.9	1,595.4
Natural & Agricultural Sciences	222.1	29.7	595.9	847.7
Indigenous Studies		11.4	50.0	61.3
Other		0.8	99.6	100.5
Total	1,481.5	1,381.4	12,556.4	15,419.4

Course Completions

	2006	2007
Higher Doctorate	2	
Doctorate	237	267
Master's by Research	50	67
Master's by Coursework	542	611
Higher Degree Qualifying	7	15
Graduate Diploma	312	317
Graduate Certificate	99	130
Graduate Entry Bachelor's	139	78
Bachelor's Honours	792	695
Bachelor's Pass	1,965	2,013
Diploma	20	14
Total	4,165	4,207

Graduate Destinations

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

	2005	2006	2007
Full-time study	38.5%	35.5%	38.4%
Full-time work	45.8%	49.2%	49.4%
Unemployed seeking full-time work	2.9%	2.3%	2.0%
Part-time seeking full-time work	4.3%	4.9%	2.6%
Working part-time or seeking part-time work only	5.6%	4.8%	5.0%
Unavailable for full-time study or work	2.8%	3.2%	2.3%

Staff

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

	2006	2007	2008	
	FTE	FTE	FTE	%
Academic				
Teaching Only		29	3	2%
Teaching & Research	843	838	858	64%
Research Only	402	422	478	36%
Total	1,245	1,289	1,339	42%
Non-Academic				
Research Only	204	203	197	10%
Other	1,546	1,598	1,687	90%
Total	1,750	1,801	1,884	58%
Total Staff	2,996	3,091	3,222	
Percentage Female Acad (of total Acad)	34.6%	35.2%	37.2%	
Percentage Female Non-Acad (of total Non-Acad)	63.0%	63.5%	63.5%	

Research Activity

Research Income \$'000		National Competitive Grants	Other Public Sector Funding	Industry & Other Funding	Co- operative Research Centres	Total
Architecture, Landscape & Visual Arts	2007	222	523	463		1,207
	2006	112	422	106		640
Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences	2007	1,110	52	1,299		2,461
	2006	860	388	809		2,057
UWA Business School	2007	922	315	643		1,881
	2006	628	200	225		1,054
Education	2007	317	519	118		954
	2006	82	405	6		493
Engineering, Computing & Mathematics	2007	5,403	7,285	5,408		18,096
	2006	5,026	4,958	6,129	928	17,041
Law	2007	77	395	107		579
	2006	148	566			714
Life & Physical Sciences	2007	12,837	3,267	5,244		21,328
	2006	13,087	6,957	3,997	100	24,141
Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences	2007	30,954	10,797	8,997		50,748
	2006	26,469	12,404	9,317	738	48,928
Natural & Agricultural Sciences	2007	19,137	4,685	8,619		32,441
	2006	17,545	7,672	6,853	5,725	37,795
Total (a)	2007	71,168	29,746	39,994		140,907
	2006	63,959	33,953	31,764	7,491	137,166

Source: *DEEWR Higher Education Research Data Collection*

(a) Total includes research income not allocated to faculties

Research Publications	2005	2006	2007
Books – Authored Research	19	23	18
Book Chapters	143	140	168
Articles in Scholarly Refereed Journals	1,104	1,224	1,196
Full Written Conference Paper – Refereed Proceedings	284	264	241
Weighted Total (a)	1,625	1,743	1,695

Source: *DEEWR Higher Education Research Data Collection*

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

Finance

	2006	2007
	\$'000	\$'000
Operating Revenue		
Australian Government Grants	257,771	269,572
HECS-HELP Australian Government Payments	42,442	48,917
FEE-HELP	4,132	5,277
Western Australian & Local Government Financial Assistance	37,473	38,559
HECS-HELP Student Payments	14,915	17,486
Other Research Grants and Contracts	25,065	26,945
Investment Income	59,668	31,878
Fees & Charges	66,006	74,870
Salary & Other Recoveries	20,563	24,339
Other Income	49,737	57,149
Total Revenue from Continuing Operations	577,772	594,992
Operating Expenses		
Employee Benefits and On-costs	312,644	352,384
Student Expenses	25,886	27,857
Materials & Supplies	25,344	26,613
Depreciation and Amortisation and Impairment	30,308	33,089
Repairs & Maintenance	10,430	12,982
Grants Distributed	35,152	38,300
Travel	16,226	18,163
Professional Fees	15,598	19,475
Other Expenses	68,591	63,903
Shares of Net Results of Assocs Accounted for Using the Equity Mthd	1,047	1,282
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	541,226	594,048
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	36,546	944
Assets		
Total Current Assets	67,548	84,650
Total Non Current Assets	1,434,473	1,428,970
Total Assets	1,502,021	1,513,620
Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities	89,291	98,066
Total Non Current Liabilities	29,025	30,280
Total Liabilities	118,316	128,346
Net Assets	1,383,705	1,385,274

Source: 2007 UWA Annual Report