



UWA IN BRIEF 2009

Student Enrolments 2009	21,091
Student Load (EFTSL) 2009 (Preliminary)	17,882
Commencing Students 2009	8,232
Postgraduate Enrolments 2009	4,934
Higher Degree by Research Enrolments 2009	2,059
Total Staff (FTE) 2009	3,415
Academic Staff (FTE) 2009	1,377
Course Completions 2008	4,463
Research Income 2008 (\$'000)	158,608
Weighted Research Publications 2008	1,776
Operating Revenue 2008 (\$'000)	672,265
Operating Expenses 2008 (\$'000)	736,127

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 21,000 students, in nine faculties: Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts; Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; 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 \$600 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 5.9% of the total research income funds allocated to Australian higher education institutions in 2007. 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 \$4.0 million from the Commonwealth's Learning and Teaching Performance Fund for 2009; the highest amount per EFTSL nationally.

UWA consistently attracts high calibre students. In 2009 UWA enrolled 89.6% of the State's top 5% of school-leavers and 86.3% of the top 10% of school leavers who enrolled at Western Australian universities.

In 2008, 9.4% of UWA's student load was in higher degrees by research compared with a national average of 4.6%. The latest national figures show that in 2008, UWA had the third highest proportion (10.3%) of higher degree research enrolments nationally.

Comparative Statistics

	Total Student Load 2008(a)	Percentage International 2008 (b)	Percentage Postgraduate 2008 (c)	Percentage Higher Degree Research 2008 (d)	Research Income (e) per Academic FTE 2007 (f) (\$)	Higher Degree Research Completions per 10 Academic FTE 2007 (f)
UWA	16,369	21.5%	19.2%	9.4%	144,160	4.4
Sydney	37,165	23.1%	26.6%	8.3%	158,987	4.2
UNSW	32,329	24.6%	25.5%	7.4%	123,160	4.6
Melbourne	35,488	27.9%	27.9%	8.9%	154,099	5.1
Monash	42,826	36.1%	20.8%	5.5%	111,577	3.4
Queensland	29,803	20.5%	21.3%	9.2%	145,458	4.0
Adelaide	16,831	27.8%	21.7%	7.5%	131,857	4.2
ANU	12,115	25.2%	32.6%	14.1%	120,301	6.0
Curtin	28,441	42.3%	16.8%	3.7%	61,966	3.1
Edith Cowan	15,545	26.2%	20.4%	2.2%	22,819	1.9
Murdoch	11,766	29.5%	15.2%	5.6%	78,675	2.5
Australia	757,850	28.4%	20.9%	4.6%	83,988	3.1

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

(a) DEEWR 2008 total student load data; excludes exchange students and various other categories

(b) Load of international students as a percentage of total student load

(c) 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)

	2007	2008	2009
Total Number of Enrolments	18,252	19,520	21,091
Commencing Enrolments	6,643	7,232	8,232
Percentage Commencing	36.3%	37.0%	39.0%
Full-Time Enrolments	13,085	13,746	14,861
Percentage Full-Time	71.7%	70.4%	70.5%
Postgraduate Enrolments	4,167	4,485	4,934
Percentage Postgraduate	22.8%	23.0%	23.4%
Higher Degree Research Enrolments	1,930	1,986	2,059
Percentage Higher Degree Research	10.6%	10.2%	9.8%
Domestic C'with-Supported & RTS Enrolments	13,243	14,013	15,086
Percentage Domestic C'with-Supported & RTS	72.6%	71.8%	71.5%
Domestic Fee-Paying Enrolments	1,428	1,283	1,243
Percentage Domestic Fee-Paying	7.8%	6.6%	5.9%
International Fee-Paying Enrolments	3,390	4,023	4,540
Percentage International Fee-Paying	18.6%	20.6%	21.5%
Female Enrolments	9,218	9,898	10,673
Percentage Female	50.5%	50.7%	50.6%

Student Load (EFTSL) by Faculty and Course Type Group, 2009

	Higher Degree Research	Other Post- graduate	Under- graduate	Total
Architect, Landscape & Visual Arts	26.0	139.0	634.1	799.1
Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences	241.4	117.4	2,126.5	2,485.3
Business School	117.4	604.2	2,532.2	3,253.8
Education	127.0	247.4	52.0	426.4
Engineering, Computing & Maths	241.1	267.8	2,595.0	3,103.9
Law	17.6	39.3	1,240.0	1,296.9
Life & Physical Sciences	350.3	345.2	2,815.6	3,511.2
Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sci	264.1	143.8	1,361.7	1,769.6
Natural & Agricultural Sciences	245.7	42.5	757.4	1,045.5
Indigenous Studies		19.1	60.6	79.7
Other	1.0	2.6	107.5	111.1
Total (a)	1,631.6	1,968.4	14,282.5	17,882.6

(a) Full year load as at 14 September 2009

Course Completions

	2007	2008
Higher Doctorate	0	0
Doctorate	267	262
Master's by Research	67	53
Master's by Coursework	611	633
Higher Degree Qualifying	15	5
Graduate Diploma	317	351
Graduate Certificate	130	148
Graduate Entry Bachelor's	78	67
Bachelor's Honours	695	767
Bachelor's Pass	2,013	2,163
Diploma	14	14
Total	4,207	4,463

Graduate Destinations

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

	2006	2007	2008
Full-time study	35.5%	38.4%	37.3%
Full-time work	49.2%	49.4%	45.5%
Unemployed seeking full-time work	2.3%	2.0%	2.3%
Part-time seeking full-time work	4.9%	2.6%	3.6%
Working part-time or seeking part-time work only	4.8%	5.0%	6.7%
Unavailable for full-time study or work	3.2%	2.3%	4.2%

Staff

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

	2007 FTE	2008 FTE	2009	
			FTE	%
Academic				
Teaching Only	29	3	16	1%
Teaching & Research	838	858	852	62%
Research Only	422	478	494	36%
Other			16	1%
Total	1,289	1,339	1,378	40%
Non-Academic				
Research Only	203	197	196	10%
Other	1,598	1,687	1,842	90%
Total	1,801	1,884	2,038	60%
Total Staff	3,091	3,222	3,415	
Percentage Female Acad (of total Acad)	35.2%	37.2%	38%	
Percentage Female Non-Acad (of total Non-Acad)	63.5%	63.5%	64%	

Research Activity

Research Income \$'000		National Competitive Grants	Other Public Sector Funding	Industry & Other Funding	Co- operative Research Centres	Total
Architecture, Landscape & Visual Arts	2008	187	572	67		825
	2007	222	523	463		1,207
Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences	2008	1,159	179	2,048		3,386
	2007	1,110	52	1,299		2,461
Business School	2008	607	308	549	37	1,501
	2007	922	315	643		1,881
Education	2008	240	510	724		1,475
	2007	317	519	118		954
Engineering, Computing & Mathematics	2008	6,852	9,844	9,744	612	27,052
	2007	5,557	8,041	6,162	450	20,209
Law	2008	199	282	81		562
	2007	77	395	107		579
Life & Physical Sciences	2008	14,638	5,011	6,271		25,920
	2007	12,837	3,267	5,296	49	21,450
Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences	2008	31,853	13,581	10,539	839	56,812
	2007	30,972	10,797	8,925	699	51,393
Natural & Agricultural Sciences	2008	17,500	7,592	10,857	1,325	37,273
	2007	19,134	4,685	8,619	5,229	37,667
Total (a)	2008	73,234	37,952	44,609	2,813	158,608
	2007	71,165	29,746	39,994	6,427	147,332

Source: *DEEWR Higher Education Research Data Collection*

(a) Total includes research income not allocated to faculties

Research Publications	2006	2007	2008
Books – Authored Research	23	18	20
Book Chapters	140	168	158
Articles in Scholarly Refereed Journals	1,224	1,196	1,359
Full Written Conference Paper – Refereed Proceedings	264	241	239
Weighted Total (a)	1,743	1,695	1,776

Source: *DEEWR Higher Education Research Data Collection*

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

Finance

	2007	2008
	\$'000	\$'000
Operating Revenue		
Australian Government Grants	269,572	307,430
HECS-HELP Australian Government Payments	48,917	54,014
FEE-HELP	5,277	3,598
Western Australian & Local Government Financial Assistance	38,559	41,797
HECS-HELP Student Payments	17,486	20,702
Other Research Grants and Contracts	26,945	35,736
Investment Revenue	45,325	33,886
Fees & Charges	74,870	88,806
Salary & Other Recoveries	24,339	29,056
Other Revenue & Income	57,149	57,240
Total Revenues from Continuing Operations	608,439	672,265
Operating Expenses		
Employee Benefits & On-costs	352,384	381,471
Student Expenses	27,857	31,102
Materials & Supplies	26,613	28,815
Depreciation & Amortisation & Impairment	33,089	33,414
Repairs & Maintenance	12,982	15,799
Finance Costs		470
Grants Distributed	38,300	29,456
Travel	18,163	18,963
Professional Fees	19,475	17,198
Other Expenses	63,903	78,070
Investment Loss	13,447	100,421
Investments Accounted for Using the Equity Mthd	1,282	948
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	607,495	736,127
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	944	-63,862
Assets		
Total Current Assets	84,650	137,080
Total Non Current Assets	1,434,056	1,383,521
Total Assets	1,518,706	1,520,601
Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities	98,066	117,721
Total Non Current Liabilities	30,280	76,444
Total Liabilities	128,346	194,165
Net Assets	1,390,360	1,326,436

Source: 2008 UWA Annual Report