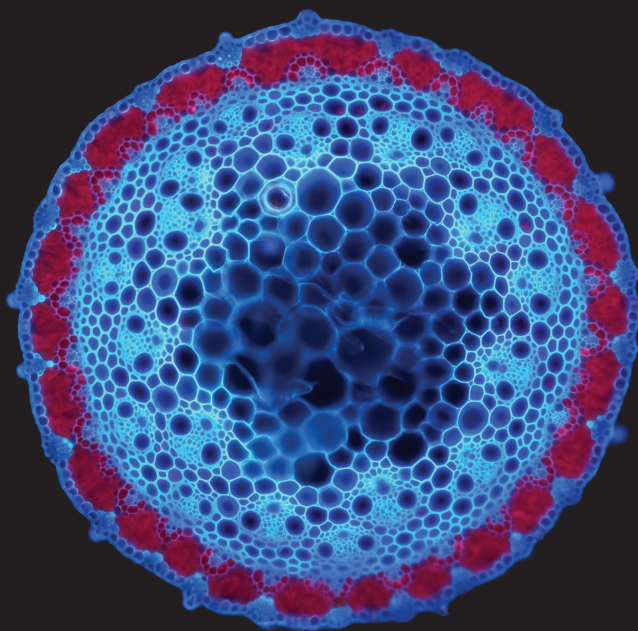




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RESEARCH STRATEGY 2026–2028



OVERVIEW

The University of Western Australia is committed to delivering influential research that is excellent, creative, trustworthy and inspirational. This strategy outlines how UWA will focus its research effort over the period 2026 to 2028 to maximise impact for Western Australia, Australia and the global community.

Our approach is disciplined and partnership focused. We concentrate investment where UWA has, or can build, critical mass and competitive advantage, while remaining open to emerging opportunities. The strategy aligns with the UWA 2030 Strategy: Purpose into Action and supports our role as a trusted public institution.

What we mean by influential research

At UWA, excellence is essential but not sufficient. Influential research is research that:

- Advances knowledge and understanding
- Addresses significant societal, environmental and economic challenges
- Is undertaken with integrity and respect
- Is translated into policy, practice, industry and community benefit
- Trains the next generation of research leaders

Research priority themes

UWA focuses its research effort across priority themes that reflect our strengths and align with state, national and global priorities:

- Frontier technologies
- Resilient environment and climate change
- Clean energy transition and sustainable resources
- Health and biotechnology
- Our place: culture, heritage and society

Within these themes, UWA has refined more specific areas of focus to guide recruitment, investment, partnerships and research translation.

Acknowledgement of Country

UWA acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we live and work, the Whadjuk Noongar people. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and recognise that Indigenous knowledges, cultures and perspectives are integral to research excellence and influence.

HOW WE DELIVER

The strategy is delivered through five integrated pillars.



Research talent

We attract, develop and retain research leaders, emerging researchers and professional staff. Our focus is on quality, leadership and diversity, including strong support for early and mid career researchers and Indigenous researchers.



Scale and opportunity

We support research at scale through institutes and multidisciplinary collaboration, enabling UWA to respond effectively to major funding and partnership opportunities.



Partnerships and engagement

We build deep, long term partnerships with industry, government, community and Indigenous partners. These relationships are central to translating research into real world impact.



Sustainable research enterprise

We ensure our research is supported by sustainable finances, robust governance and fit for purpose infrastructure, including digital and data capabilities.



Research training

We provide high quality research training and a supportive HDR experience, producing graduates equipped for diverse careers across academia, industry and the public sector.



Looking ahead

Our strategy is shaped across three horizons:

- **Short term:** strengthening our research base and capabilities
- **Medium term:** scaling success and deepening partnerships
- **Long term:** positioning UWA to have internationally recognised flagship research institutes, and to be a partner of choice for industry sponsored research and global collaboration



Measuring success

Success is measured through a balanced set of indicators covering research quality, scale, partnerships, people and training outcomes. These measures ensure accountability while recognising disciplinary diversity and the importance of long-term impact.



Working with UWA

UWA welcomes collaboration with partners who share our commitment to excellence, integrity and impact. Through focused investment and strong relationships, we aim to deliver research that makes a meaningful difference for Western Australia and beyond.

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