



THE UNIVERSITY OF
**WESTERN
AUSTRALIA**

GRADUATION PROGRAM

WINTHROP HALL

MONDAY 24 AUGUST – THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2026



A message from the Chancellor

Dr Diane Smith-Gander AO

Graduation from The University of Western Australia is an achievement reflecting years of commitment to higher learning.

It also marks the acquisition of the ability to continue to learn, to reason critically and, over time, to acquire the wisdom that comes from combining learning and reasoning with life experience.

This achievement makes you part of our proud history. As the holder of a degree from The University of Western Australia, you join generations of students who have passed through the lecture theatres, laboratories and tutorial rooms at the University, since its establishment in 1911. You are now part of this history as much as it is part of yours.

The prime mover in the establishment of the University was its first Chancellor, Sir John Winthrop Hackett, a leading Western Australian politician, philanthropist and the proprietor of The West Australian newspaper.

The University's purpose, from its foundation, was expressed in practical terms – to provide instruction in 'those practical arts and liberal studies' which would help develop the fledging economy of Western Australia and thereby 'advance the prosperity and welfare of the people'. The University's motto encompasses that purpose with a higher ideal in urging all who pass through it to 'seek wisdom'.

The first 184 students enrolled at the University attended their lectures, which began on 31 March 1913, in timber and iron huts located on Irwin Street, Perth. From those humble beginnings, the generation and transmission of knowledge, expertise and innovation at the university has been significant in the economic development of Western Australia. It has inspired the work of thousands of researchers and equipped hundreds of thousands of graduates to contribute in myriad ways to society.

UWA, your alma mater, is one of the world's leading universities. UWA graduates go into the world equipped with skills, qualifications and experience enabling them to tackle the complex problems of today's world. We are counting on you to be bold and live a life of impact. Deploy your ingenuity, creativity and leadership to create a better world for all. Make us proud.

UWA's global community is a powerful network of over 150,000 graduates and alumni worldwide. No matter where you go, you will find yourself in the company of extraordinary people who will be your mentors, collaborators and friends.

You are now a member of the University of Western Australia's Convocation, enshrined as one of the four pillars of the institution (along with staff, the students and the Senate) in the University of Western Australia Act of 1911. Convocation provides alumni with the opportunity to sustain a lifelong connection with the university and actively contribute to its ongoing development and success. I hope that at some point you will explore a new connection with UWA. My involvement with the University has given me wonderful opportunities and great joy.

Thank you for choosing to study at the University of Western Australia. You are always welcome at UWA.

Dr Diane Smith-Gander AO

16th Chancellor of The University of Western Australia



A message from the Vice-Chancellor

Professor Amit Chakma

Graduation day is a special day for the University, our graduates and their families and friends.



On this occasion, we gather as a university community to celebrate your academic success and to wish you the very best as you embark on your respective journeys.

I offer my warmest congratulations to all our graduates. You have worked hard and met the demanding standards of a UWA degree. You are to be commended for your academic achievements.

As you graduate, please remember that your learning days are not over. Learning is a lifelong process. We have prepared you to be master learners. Continue to Seek Wisdom.

We have not given you answers to all questions. We hope that what remains with you is the ability to approach new issues objectively and with an open mind, and always tempered with empathy for the human condition.

You are graduating at a time when humanity is facing many challenges. The need for highly educated and talented people has never been greater. Our world needs talented young people like you to bring a fresh perspective and knowledge in tackling these problems.

You are among the fortunate few to have attended one of the finest universities in the world. You have what it takes to take these challenges on and chart a brighter course for yourselves, your community, your country, and indeed for humanity. As citizens of the globe, you are our gift to the world. We are counting on you for your ingenuity, creativity, and leadership. Go out there, be bold, live a life of impact, and make us proud.

As graduates, you become members of convocation. You are forever a cherished member of this great institution founded over a century ago. Wherever your life's journey may take you, UWA will always be your home. Come home, and come often. Your Alma Mater will be waiting for you.

Congratulations to all of you.

Professor Amit Chakma

Vice-Chancellor of The University of Western Australia

Indigenous commitment

Dr Richard Walley OAM

Indigenous protocol

As Noongar people: We respect place and people, plants and animals. It is a holistic respect. We pay tribute to events and ceremonies. We embrace people and change while maintaining links to ancient cultures and practices.

Noongar people are the original inhabitants of the South West of Western Australia and form one of the largest Aboriginal cultural blocks in Australia.

The 14 different language groups – Amangu, Yued/Yuat, Whadjuk/Wajuk, Binjareb/Pinjarup, Wardandi, Balardong/Ballardong, Nyakinyaki, Wilman, Ganeang, Bibulmun/Piblemen, Mineng, Goreng, Wudjari and Njunga/ Noongar – have ownership of all Noongar kaartdijin (knowledge) and culture.

Boodjar (Country) is the ancestral lands of Aboriginal people. UWA is situated on Noongar Boodjar, in the land of the Whadjuk Noongar people.

A **Welcome to Country** celebrates Aboriginal people's connection with the land, acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of the land, and welcomes visitors and guests to their land.

An **Acknowledgement of Country** occurs when an elder or custodian is unavailable to deliver the Welcome to Country. In this case a senior representative of the organisation recognises the traditional owners and their ongoing connection and responsibilities to Country.

A **blessing** is delivered by an Elder, or custodian of the country, who extends best wishes for future journeys to individuals who have spent time on Country.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The University of Western Australia acknowledges all the Traditional Owners of lands across Australia, including the Whadjuk Noongar people at the Boorloo (Perth) campus and the Menang Noongar people at the Kinjarling (Albany) campus.

We recognise and celebrate that Traditional Owners remain the cultural custodians of their lands, and continue to practise their values, languages, beliefs, and knowledge.

Schedule of ceremonies

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The University's Graduation Ceremonies

National Anthem

The assembly is invited to sing the first verse of the Australian National Anthem.

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

The Procession

The ceremony commences with the entrance of the Procession.

There is an order of precedence, with the most senior ranking persons appearing at the end of the Procession.

Thus, lecturers and senior lecturers will enter the Hall first, followed by the professoriate, former honorary degree and chancellor's medal recipients.

They are followed by members of the Senate, which is the University's governing body, the Indigenous Elder delivering the Welcome to Country, and the Warden of Convocation, representing the body of graduates of the University.

They are joined by the official guests, including the alumni guest speaker, the valedictorian, and those receiving special awards including higher doctorates, honorary degrees, and chancellor's medals.

The highest ranking officials of the University, the Vice-Chancellor, and Chancellor, are the last to enter the hall. The Chancellor is preceded by the mace bearer, who carries the ceremonial University Mace.

The Procession can also include representatives of other universities and dignitaries of local, state and national governments.

Academic gowns

The practice of wearing academic dress on formal occasions has a long and illustrious history. The title of Chancellor was originally bestowed on important officials in the medieval church and was later applied to the chief dignitary of a university. It also refers to the chief judicial officer of England, the Lord Chancellor, whose robes are similar to those worn by university chancellors. Thus, it is important to remember that the gowns of the Chancellor (who is appointed by the Senate), the Pro-Chancellor (who is elected by the Senate to act on the Chancellor's behalf when he or she is unavailable), and the Vice-Chancellor (who is the Chief Executive Officer of the University), are not strictly academic gowns: they do not signify the wearer's degree but the office held.

The Chancellor's gown is of black silk faced with white silk and trimmed with gold braid down each front. A flap collar at the back is faced with white silk and trimmed with gold braid and with open sleeves fully lined with white silk, trimmed with gold braid and turned back to form a triangle bisected by two loops of gold cord from the shoulders. The cap is a black velvet trencher with gold tassel and button and trimmed with three centimetres of gold braid.

The Pro-Chancellor's gown is similar to the Chancellor's gown but trimmed with gold cord down each front with a flap collar at the back faced with white silk. This is also trimmed with gold cord, with open sleeves fully lined with white silk, trimmed with gold cord and turned back to form a triangle bisected by a loop of gold cord from the shoulders. The Pro-Chancellor also wears a black velvet trencher cap with gold tassel and button and trimmed with one-and-a-half centimetres of gold braid.

The Vice-Chancellor's gown is trimmed with silver braid down each front with a flap collar at the back faced with white silk. Silver braid trims this collar and the open sleeves are fully lined with white silk, rimmed with silver braid and turned back to form a triangle bisected by two loops of silver cord from the shoulders. The black velvet trencher cap has a silver tassel and button and is trimmed with three centimetres of silver braid.

Officers of the University

Chancellor

Dr Diane Smith-Gander AO

Pro-Chancellor

Dr Robert (Bob) Olivier, BSc *W.Aust.*, BSocSc(Hons) *Curtin*, PhD *W.Aust.*

Executive

Vice-Chancellor

Professor Amit Chakma, DiplIng *IAP*, MAsc PhD *UBC*, DEng(Hons) *Waterloo*, DSc(Hons) *Dhaka*, PEng, ICD.D

Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Professor Tim Colmer, BSc(Agric) *W.Aust.*, PhD *UC Davis*

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)

Professor Anna Nowak, MBBS PhD *W.Aust.*, MLdshp *Deakin*, FRACP, GAICD

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Operations)

Ms Selina Torrance, BBus(Mktg&PR) PGDipHRM MBA(Exec) *Curtin*, GAICD

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education and Student Experience)

Professor Guy Littlefair, BEng *S'ton Sol*, MSc (Mech Eng) *Cran*, PhD *Nott Trent*, FIEAust, CPEng

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Planning and Strategic Initiatives) and Chief Financial Officer

Ms Leona Marquand, BA(Hons) *UOP*, DipIFR *ACCA*, GradDipAppFin *FASEA*, *ACA*

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement)

Professor Jennifer Howell, B.Ed (Sec) *Griffith.*, BA (Lit) *Griffith.*, M.Ed (ICT) *QUT.*, GC (Ed. Mngt) *Leicester.*, PhD *QUT.*, GAICD

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous)

Professor Jill Milroy AM, BA *W.Aust.*

Other principal office-bearers

Chair of the Academic Board

Winthrop Professor Marc Tennant AM, BSc PhD *W.Aust.*, FRACDS(GDP), FICD, FADI

Visitor

His Excellency the Honorable Chris Dawson AC APM, Governor of Western Australia, *ex-officio*

Warden of Convocation

Emeritus Professor Jenny Gregory AM, BA PhD *W.Aust.*

University Senate

Ex officio – Chancellor

Dr Diane Smith-Gander AO (Chancellor and Chair)

Ex officio – Vice-Chancellor

Professor Amit Chakma, DiplIng *IAP*, MASC PhD *UBC*, DEng(Hons) *Waterloo*, DSc(Hons) *Dhaka*, PEng, ICD.D

Appointed by the Governor

Dr Michael Schaper, BA *W.Aust.*, GradDip(Bus) MComm PhD *Curtin*, FAICD

Mr Shaun Day, BCom *W.Aust.*, FCA, F Fin, FGIA FCG

Ms Kathleen Bozanic, BCom *W.Aust.*, GAICD

Elected by Convocation

Emeritus Professor Cheryl Praeger AC, BSc MSc *UQ*, MSc DPhil *Oxf*, DSc *W.Aust.*, Hon.DSc *PSU*, DHC *ULB*, HonPhD *Yazd*, HonDSc *St And*, HonD Math *UQ*, Hon DSc *Primorska*, AMusA, FAA

Dr David Griffiths BEc(Hons) *W.Aust.*, MEc *ANU*, HonDEc *W.Aust.*

Ex officio – Chair Academic Board

Winthrop Professor Marc Tennant AM, BDSc PhD *W.Aust.*, FRACDS(GDP), FICD, FADI

Elected by Academic Staff

Associate Professor Nin Kirkham, BA PhD *W.Aust.*

Elected by Students

Mr Oliver Barrett, BSc *W.Aust* (Student Guild President)

Mr Jay Williams, BA *W.Aust* (Post-Graduate Student Association President)

Elected by General Staff

Ms Jillian (Jill) Benn, BComm(Media)(Hons) *E.Cowan*, GradDip(InfoLibStds) *Curtin*, GAICD, PFHEA

Co-opted

Dr Robert (Bob) Olivier, BSc *W.Aust.*, BSocSc(Hons) *Curtin*, PhD *W.Aust.* (Pro-Chancellor and Deputy Chair)

Emeritus Professor Jane den Hollander AO, BSc(Hons) MSc *Wits*, PhD *Card.*, Hon Doc *Deakin*, Hon Doc *Card.*

The Honourable Neil McKerracher KC, LLB *W.Aust*

Mr Jason Ricketts, LLB LLM *W.Aust*, FAICD

Information correct at 7 July 2026.

Ceremony 1 | Monday 24 August 2026 at 11AM

Ceremony Schools

School of Earth and Oceans
School of Engineering
Graduate Research School

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Proceedings will be closed by the Chancellor*
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Honorary Doctoral Degree

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Mrs Zoë Yujnovich FTSE

Zoë Yujnovich is an experienced executive with three decades of leadership across the energy and resource industries with a career ranging from frontline engineering roles in Australia to executive positions in Canada, USA, Brazil, Europe, and Asia.

From 2014 to 2025, Zoë took on many executive roles at Shell including Integrated Gas & Upstream Director and she is currently a Non-Executive Board Director at Unilever PLC. She joined Rio Tinto in 1996, holding a selection of national and international roles that culminated in President and CEO of Rio Tinto, Montreal, Canada from 2010 to 2014. Zoë has held significant industry Chair roles, including Australian Energy Producers and The Mining Association of Canada, where she was the first female Chair in the organisation's history. She was a former Director of West Coast Eagles and former Deputy Chair of Christ Church Grammar School.

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A large, faint watermark of the University of Waterloo crest is visible on the left side of the page. The crest features a shield with a book inside, a banner at the bottom, and a crest on top. The book contains the Latin motto "NON ENDO NISI VINC PAR ITUR". The banner at the bottom reads "WISDOM".

Zoë was appointed Chief Executive of the National Grid in November 2025. She is an advocate of STEM for women and girls after realising she was one of only a few women studying engineering at UWA in 1992. Her successful executive leadership career was acknowledged when she was voted in the top 100 of Canada's Most Powerful Women in 2012.

Zoë's outstanding career in executive leadership and Chair and Board appointments in traditionally male dominated industries including mining, energy and even football, makes her an outstanding role model for women in STEM and a worthy recipient for an Honorary Doctorate.

Ceremony 2 | Monday 24 August 2026 at 6PM

Ceremony Schools

School of Biological Sciences
School of Engineering
School of Indigenous Studies
School of Social Sciences
Graduate Research School

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Alumni Guest Speaker*

Professor Sally Thompson

Head of Department of Civil, Environmental and Mining Engineering, UWA

Professor Sally Thompson, or, as she prefers, simply "Sally", is a 2003 UWA graduate with a double degree in Science and Engineering. Sally worked as an engineer in Perth before moving to the United States to undertake her PhD at Duke University as a General Sir John Monash Scholar.

Equipped with a new dog, her endlessly supportive husband, and a completed PhD, Sally took up a research and teaching position at the University of California, Berkeley, in 2011. There, she was awarded the American Geophysical Union's Early Career Hydrology Award in 2013 and was tenured and appointed to the Claire and Hsieh Wen Shen Distinguished Research Chair in 2017.

In 2019, with her family now augmented by two young children, Sally returned to Perth and UWA, where she helped establish the Centre for Water and Spatial Science, co-chaired the Environmental Engineering program, and now heads the Department of Civil, Environmental and Mining Engineering.

More recently, in 2026, Sally was awarded the Darcy Medal by the European Geophysical Union in recognition of her outstanding contributions and career achievements in hydrology.

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Ceremony 3 | Tuesday 25 August 2026 at 11AM

Ceremony Schools

School of Humanities
School of Psychological Science
UWA Law School
Graduate Research School

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Alumni Guest Speaker*

Mr Tom Penglis

Lawyer, Gilbert + Tobin (Disputes and Investigations)

Tom Penglis is a lawyer and passionate criminal justice advocate with lived experience of Western Australia's criminal justice and prison systems. He specialises in commercial litigation at Gilbert + Tobin, a national commercial law firm.

Tom graduated with a Juris Doctor from UWA in 2022, having completed a Bachelor of Commerce in 2018, earning a place on the Dean's List for academic excellence and winning several academic awards including the R.K. O'Connor KC Taxation Law Prize, the Claire Harkness Memorial Prize, the UWA Law School Scholarship in Mining Excellence, and the Clayton Utz Prize for Torts, awarded during cross-institutional study at the Australian National University.

Tom's path through law has been unconventional. He struggled with untreated mental health issues throughout adolescence and early adulthood, struggles that culminated in his arrest in 2019; he had to complete his first semester of Juris Doctor study while navigating the court system.

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His experience in prison inspired him, upon release in 2020, to co-found the WA Justice Association (WAJA), a student-led charity that undertakes research on criminal justice issues and advocates for evidence-based reforms in collaboration with legal professionals and non-governmental organisations.

As Founder of WAJA, Tom advocates for criminal justice reforms and regularly engages with government, the media and other stakeholders on reform issues. As a lawyer, in addition to his commercial practice, Tom undertakes pro bono legal work for families of people who passed away while in custody.



Ceremony 4 | Tuesday 25 August 2026 at 6PM

Ceremony Schools

School of Molecular Sciences
School of Population and Global Health
School of Agriculture and Environment
Graduate Research School

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Alumni Guest Speaker*

Professor Hayley Christian AM

The Kids Research Institute Australia

Professor Christian is a distinguished researcher and alumna of The University of Western Australia graduating with a Bachelor of Science and a Doctorate in Human Movement. She's a Professor within UWA's Medical School and Centre for Child Health Research, an adjunct Associate Professor at the School of Population and Global Health and an adjunct Professor at the University of Southern Denmark, plus Professor at The Kids Research Institute Australia.

With more than 20 years' experience in health promotion practice, health promotion research project management, teaching and research, Professor Christian has worked extensively with government, non-government organisations, professional bodies and the private sector to embed healthy behaviours in early childhood.

Professor Christian leads the PLAYCE (PLAY Spaces and Environments for Children's Physical Activity, Health & Development) program of research at The Kids Research Institute Australia, a multidisciplinary body of work examining how the home, childcare

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and neighbourhood environment shapes children's physical activity, health and development. Her research has informed early childhood education and care policy across Australia and internationally.

Her achievements have been recognised through her appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2024 for distinguished service to children's health through policy development and research, alongside a National Heart Foundation Future Leader Fellowship and multiple research excellence awards.

Honorary Doctoral Degree

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Dr Sally Joyston-Bechal (awarded *in absentia*)

Dr Joyston-Bechal was the first female student and female graduate of the inaugural UWA Bachelor of Dental Science in 1951. Although she achieved first class honours and was the highest achieving student in her class, Sally was not awarded Dux due to the gender barriers of the time.

Undeterred, Sally went on to secure a Fulbright Scholarship, complete a Master of Dentistry and PhD, and become a founding member of the WA Dental Study Group. While completing her Master of Science in New York in 1956, she worked with leading researchers in preventative dentistry, which shaped her lasting impact on Australian dentistry.

From 1963 to 1995, she worked at London Hospital Medical College Dental School, earning her PhD in 1972. She published over thirty academic papers and co-authored Essentials of Dental Caries, now a standard reference textbook for dental students internationally. Sally's achievements inspired generations of women to pursue a dentistry career. In 1992, Dr Meredith Arcus founded the Sally Joyston-Bechal Study Group to support female dentists at a time when many groups excluded women. In 1994, Sally was invited by UWA's Dental Faculty to give the UWA Dental Alumni lecture.

Today, Sally's legacy continues through her research contributions, the study group bearing her name, and the UWA Sally Joyston-Bechal Study Group Prize, to honour an inspirational colleague whose career has reshaped preventative dentistry and opened pathways for generations of women.

Ceremony 5 | Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 11AM

Ceremony Schools

School of Physics, Mathematics and Computing
Graduate Research School

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Alumni Guest Speaker*

Mr Darius Wey

Co-Founder and Head of Strategic Growth, Healthengine

Darius is a distinguished alumnus of UWA, graduating with a Bachelor of Computer Science in Computation and Systems. He has built an impressive career as an entrepreneur, technology leader, company director and community advocate, demonstrating how curiosity, innovation and a willingness to challenge convention can create meaningful impact.

With more than 20 years' experience developing products and growth strategies, Darius has worked with global organisations including IBM and Microsoft, as well as technology and media start-ups across Australia and North America.

He is perhaps best known as the Co-Founder of Healthengine, founded with a vision to make healthcare more accessible for Australians, transform the way patients connect with healthcare providers, and create positive change that continues to benefit communities across the nation.

Darius has also made a significant contribution to Western Australia's innovation ecosystem as the founder of the Perth chapter of ProductTank, bringing together professionals, entrepreneurs and global thought leaders to share ideas, develop expertise and inspire the next generation of innovators.

His achievements have been recognised through his selection as a Business News 40Under40 Award winner, honouring his leadership, entrepreneurial success and commitment to community.

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Ceremony 6 | Wednesday 26 August 2026 at 6PM

Ceremony Schools

School of Biomedical Sciences
School of Health and Clinical Sciences
School of Human Sciences
UWA Dental School
UWA Medical School
Graduate Research School

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Honorary Doctoral Degree

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Dr Richard Cheng

Dr Cheng is a Singaporean civil and structural engineer with extensive experience in the construction industry. He is currently a director of Environ Construction Co (Pte) Ltd, a company specialising in non-residential building construction, including facade inspections, repairs, and maintenance.

After receiving his Diploma of Civil Engineering at Singapore Polytechnic, Mr Cheng went on to study at UWA and graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering (BE) (CIVIL) HONS in 1986. In 2021, he received a Specialist Diploma in Construction Productivity, Building and Construction Authority (BCA) Academy.

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He holds a strong attachment to his family in Hainan Province and volunteers as the Head of Youth Division and Facilitator at The Singapore Hainan Hwee Kuan. He is Co-founder of Hainan Smile, a collaborative humanitarian project between Singapore and Hainan Province in China.

Mr Cheng and his company have helped Hainan Smile by organising medical missions for over 1,000 surgeries on underprivileged children with cleft lip and palate issues at birth in Cheng Mai County, Hainan Province.

Mr Cheng is a philanthropist, an advocate for helping the underprivileged and also a generous supporter and deep friend of UWA.

Chancellor's Medal

A Chancellor's Medal is awarded for an outstanding contribution, or sustained contributions, to the University, such as to enable the University to discharge its teaching, research and community responsibilities more effectively. The Chancellor's Medal is presented by their nominator or representative.

Clinical Professor Fiona Lake

Clinical Professor Fiona Lake is an eminent clinician-educator who has made exceptional and enduring contributions to the University of Western Australia and to health professions education, nationally and internationally.

A consultant respiratory physician, Clinical Professor Lake has served UWA in numerous senior roles, including Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning and inaugural Head of the Education Centre, Head of the School of Medicine and Pharmacology, Eric Saint Chair Professor of Medicine, and was subsequently Head of Medical Education at Sir Charles Gairdner and Osborne Park Health Care Group. Across these roles she has been a tireless advocate for high-quality, compassionate clinical teaching and for preparedness of UWA graduates for professional practice.

Clinical Professor Lake is best known as the originator and driving force behind "Teaching on the Run", an innovative educational approach enabling busy clinicians to teach effectively in real-time clinical settings.

From its beginnings at UWA, Teaching on the Run has grown into an internationally adopted program, disseminated through seminal "Teaching on the Run Tips" in the Medical Journal of Australia, a book, workshops and online resources. It has fundamentally improved the quality of workplace-based teaching and supervision for generations of medical students and junior doctors.

Her work has been recognised through national teaching awards and professional society honours, and through the achievements of the many students, trainees and colleagues she has mentored.

Ceremony 7 | Thursday 27 August 2026 at 10AM

Ceremony Schools

Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)
UWA Business School

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Honorary Doctoral Degree

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Professor Tarun Weeramanthri AM

Professor Weeramanthri attended the University of Western Australia where he graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in 1984. He later completed his PhD at the University of Sydney and commenced his outstanding service in medicine and public health.

Professor Weeramanthri's important contributions, not just to the science of public health, but also his significant support of colleagues and the community are reflected throughout his career including his leadership roles in the public sector.

He is a public health physician and was Chief Health Officer in Western Australia (WA) from 2008 to 2018, and in the Northern Territory (NT) from 2004 to 2007. He has particular interests in policy and regulation and steered the introduction into WA of the Public Health Act 2016, replacing the old Health Act 1911.

In 2014, Professor Weeramanthri was awarded the Sidney Sax Medal by the Public Health Association of Australia, for his contribution to public health in Australia. In 2018, he received the Minister for Health's Award, the highest individual excellence award given by WA Health.

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Ceremony 8 | Thursday 27 August 2026 at 2PM

Ceremony Schools

Conservatorium of Music
UWA Business School
UWA College
Graduate Research School

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Honorary Doctoral Degree

The primary purpose of conferring honorary degrees is to give public recognition to individuals for outstanding achievements in any recognised field of endeavour with strategic connection or relevance to the University, either at the State level or beyond. The Honorary Doctoral Degree is presented by their nominator or representative.

Ms Maria Osman

Maria Osman is a distinguished leader, policy reformer and advocate whose career has been defined by exceptional service to the public good and an unwavering commitment to equity, human rights and social justice.

For more than four decades, she has shaped public policy and strengthened communities across Western Australia and nationally. In senior executive roles within the Western Australian Government, she has advised Ministers and Parliament and led major reforms advancing gender equality, multicultural inclusion, Indigenous women's wellbeing, social cohesion and community development. Her leadership has delivered enduring structural and cultural change, including the establishment of Western Australia's inaugural Women's Report Card, the first of its kind in Australia, and innovative policy frameworks that have strengthened accountability and improved outcomes for vulnerable communities.

*On occasion, a representative may fulfil this ceremonial role.

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At The University of Western Australia, she advanced equity and inclusion, establishing foundational strategies and leadership programs that continue to shape the University's culture and commitment to diversity.

In recognition of her outstanding contribution to gender equity and multicultural leadership, she was inducted into the Western Australian Women's Hall of Fame in 2025.

Across all roles, Maria Osman has demonstrated integrity, vision and courage, consistently amplifying community voices and translating advocacy into lasting reform.

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Alumni Guest Speaker*

Dr Claudia Amonini

Founding Principal, Painted Dog Research

Dr Claudia Amonini is a distinguished alumna of The University of Western Australia, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) and a Doctorate in Social Marketing. Since leaving UWA, she has built an impressive career as a market researcher, entrepreneur, business leader and industry advisor, demonstrating how academic rigour, applied research and entrepreneurial drive can translate into tangible insights and successful outcomes for businesses across Australia.

With more than 25 years' experience in market and social research, Claudia has worked on both the client and supplier sides of the industry in Western Australia and on the East Coast, leading the design and management of hundreds of studies for government and major commercial organisations. She specialises in understanding human behaviour and translating complex research into clear, practical guidance for strategy and decision-making. She has worked across government and major commercial organisations, helping leaders make more informed decisions about their audiences, positioning, communications, products and services.

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Dr Amonini is a Founding Principal of Painted Dog Research, which she helped build from a start-up in 2007 into one of Australia's leading independent insights and business consultancies. She has played a key role in Painted Dog's national expansion, establishing new services and teams across the country, developing its Data Tech and Data Science divisions, and founding the online data collection company Rewarding Views.

Claudia has also contributed significantly to Western Australia's marketing and research community, holding academic positions and lecturing in consumer behaviour, market research and strategy, including postgraduate teaching at UWA. She currently serves on the UWA Marketing Industry Advisory Group, helping ensure the University's marketing programs remain aligned with real-world industry practice.

Her expertise has been recognised through her accreditation as a Qualified Professional Researcher, and she has sat on several boards and committees, including for the Market Research Society, Curtin University and her alma mater, UWA.

Your UWA Alumni Community

You did it! Graduating from UWA is an incredible milestone, and we couldn't be prouder to welcome you into the next chapter of your journey. On behalf of your fellow graduates around the world - congratulations!

We know your time at UWA has been filled with hard work, much learning, and unforgettable experiences. Thank you for choosing UWA for your education and being part of our special community and the commitment you've shown along the way.

But we know this isn't goodbye. Graduating is just the beginning of a lifelong relationship with your alma mater. As a UWA graduate, you're now part of a global network of over 160,000 alumni spanning various industries, countries, and careers. Whether you're launching your career, looking to travel the world, or continuing your studies, UWA is here to support, inspire and connect you wherever life takes you.



Please ensure you stay connected by updating your details at alumni.uwa.edu.au/update or via the QR code so you can receive from us invitations to exclusive events, networking opportunities, and updates from your alma mater and Convocation: the UWA Alumni Association.

We can't wait to see where your journey takes you and to celebrate your achievements along the way. Once again, congratulations!

Stay involved with UWA

By becoming active in your UWA alumni network, you'll find avenues for personal growth, lifelong learning, volunteering, and social and professional engagement with peers who can support your career goals wherever you go in the world.

As a graduate, you're now a member of Convocation: the UWA Alumni Association and can vote for and be nominated to its representative body, the Alumni Council, as well as to representative positions on the UWA Senate. Your vote gives you a say in shaping the University's future and contributing to its ongoing prosperity.

We encourage you to stay connected with UWA by voting, attending events, volunteering, and getting involved in alumni life.



Lead: in ways that reflect your passions. Bring together fellow graduates to achieve great things and share your story to inspire others.



Learn: through events, thought leadership, short courses and resources like free alumni library membership, alumni newsletters and Uniview magazine.



Network: with a global community of over 160,000 graduates across 12 UWA Global Alumni Networks. Scan the QR code to find out more



Volunteer: as a mentor or network committee member, by sharing your story, hosting a work integrated learning student, or organising a reunion.



Give: through the UWA Alumni Fund, where the generosity of UWA graduates, staff and friends continues to change the lives of UWA students.

TOGETHER, WE MAKE IT POSSIBLE.

We believe that everyone with the talent and drive to succeed deserves the opportunity to do so. As Western Australia's leading global university, we are uniquely positioned to support students from metropolitan, regional and remote communities, creating benefits that extend far beyond the individual student to families, communities and the future of this beautiful state.

Every year, talented students aspire to study at UWA. They have the ability, determination and ambition to succeed, but for many, financial hardship, distance, family responsibilities or other challenges can make the path to university feel out of reach. We'd like to change that.

Have you heard of the UWA Connect Scholarship?

More than a scholarship, UWA Connect is a proven support program that combines financial assistance with academic guidance, mentoring, wellbeing initiatives and a strong sense of community. Together, these supports help students thrive at university, complete their degrees, and build successful futures.

How can we guarantee this support, for our students, forever?

To realise this vision, UWA is building a permanent endowment for UWA Connect Scholarships. Ensuring that future generations can access the life-changing opportunities that higher education provides.

Our goal is to create an enduring fund that will support at least 100 students every year, in perpetuity. Guaranteeing this support is available forever.

UWA has committed \$2 million each year to match endowment earnings, doubling the impact of community support and demonstrating a strong institutional commitment to the program's long-term success.

Every contribution helps bring us closer to a future where financial barriers do not prevent capable students from accessing and succeeding at university. Together, we can open doors to opportunity, strengthen social mobility across Western Australia and empower the next generation of leaders, professionals, innovators and changemakers.



"A catalyst for equal opportunity. With the right support, our students will become the changemakers and leaders of tomorrow."

Your support matters. Scan the QR code to help make it possible or visit giving.uwa.edu.au



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