



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**WESTERN  
AUSTRALIA**

# Graduation Ceremony Program

Monday 8 – Wednesday 17 December 2025  
Winthrop Hall



# 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 fledgling 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.

The background of the page features a large, faint watermark of the University of Western Australia crest. The crest includes a shield with an open book inside, containing the Latin motto 'NON ENDO NISI VINC PAR ITUR'. Above the shield is a sunburst, and below it is a banner with the word 'WISDOM'.

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 the custodians and traditional owners of land on which any of its campuses are located.

At the main campus, Crawley, the University acknowledges the Whadjuk Noongar people as the traditional owners of the land on which it is situated.

The Whadjuk Noongar remain the spiritual and cultural custodians of their land, and continue to practise their value, languages, beliefs and knowledge.

# Schedule of ceremonies

## **Ceremony 1 | Monday, 8 December 2025 at 5pm**

UWA Business School

## **Ceremony 2 | Tuesday, 9 December 2025 at 11am**

UWA Business School

Graduate Research School

## **Ceremony 3 | Tuesday, 9 December 2025 at 5pm**

UWA Business School

## **Ceremony 4 | Wednesday, 10 December 2025 at 11am**

Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours)

School of Humanities

School of Indigenous Studies

UWA Law School

Graduate Research School

## **Ceremony 5 | Wednesday, 10 December 2025 at 5pm**

School of Population & Global Health

UWA Law School

Graduate Research School

## **Ceremony 6 | Thursday, 11 December 2025 at 11am**

School of Psychological Science

UWA College

Graduate Research School

## **Ceremony 7 | Thursday, 11 December 2025 at 5pm**

School of Human Sciences

Graduate Research School

## **Ceremony 8 | Friday, 12 December 2025 at 11am**

School of Molecular Sciences

School of Agriculture and Environment

School of Design

Graduate Research School

## **Ceremony 9 | Friday, 12 December 2025 at 5pm**

School of Social Sciences

School of Design

Graduate Research School



## Schedule of ceremonies

### **Ceremony 10 | Monday, 15 December 2025 at 11am**

School of Engineering

### **Ceremony 11 | Monday, 15 December 2025 at 5pm**

School of Biological Sciences

School of Engineering

UWA Dental School

Graduate Research School

### **Ceremony 12 | Tuesday, 16 December 2025 at 11am**

School of Physics, Mathematics & Computing

### **Ceremony 13 | Tuesday, 16 December 2025 at 5pm**

Graduate School of Education

School of Health and Clinical Sciences

School of Earth and Oceans

School of Physics, Mathematics & Computing

Graduate Research School

### **Ceremony 14 | Wednesday, 11 December 2025 at 11am**

School of Biomedical Sciences

UWA Medical School

Graduate Research School

### **Ceremony 15 | Wednesday, 11 December 2025 at 5pm**

Conservatorium of Music

UWA Medical School

Graduate Research School

# Ceremony Order of Proceedings

Organ recital by the University Organist\*

Chair of Academic Board's Introduction\*

*All stand for the arrival of the Procession*

The National Anthem

Welcome to Country

Chancellor's Welcome\*

Vice-Chancellor's Address\*

Alumni Guest Address [Ceremony 6 and 11]

Conferral of Undergraduate and Postgraduate Awards

Conferral of Doctoral Degrees

Conferral of Awards *in-absentia*

Declaration of Professional Dedication [Ceremonies 11, 13 and 15]

*Doctor of Dental Medicine, Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Optometry,  
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, Doctor of Medicine*

*Musical interlude*

Awarding of the Chancellor's Medal [Ceremony 7]

Conferral of Honorary Degree [Ceremonies 1-5, 8-10, 12-15]

Awarding of the Chancellor Emeritus [Ceremony 7]

Warden of Convocation's Address\*

Valedictorian's Address

Close of proceedings by the Chancellor\*

*All stand for the departure of the Procession*

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



## Your UWA graduate community

Graduating from University is a momentous achievement and it is our great pleasure to offer heartfelt congratulations on behalf of your fellow UWA graduates.

We'd like to thank you for choosing to study at UWA and for showing admirable dedication in pursuing your educational goals. As a graduate, you will now embark on an exciting new journey – stepping beyond the guidance of professors and tutors – to follow your dreams and fulfil personal and professional goals. However, graduation is only the beginning of a proud, life-long affiliation with your University.

Welcome to your global community of over 150,000 living UWA graduates.

As you are now all members of UWA's Convocation, to ensure you receive event invitations, voting ballots and graduate communications, please update your contact details by visiting **[alumni.uwa.edu.au/update](https://alumni.uwa.edu.au/update)**, or by scanning the QR code.



We wish you well in your future endeavours and look forward to celebrating the success you find.  
ConGRADulations!

## Stay involved with UWA

Through the power of UWA's graduate network, you'll find avenues for personal growth, life-long learning, volunteering, social engagement and fellowship with your peers. Wherever you go in the world, you will have access to peers who can support your career goals.

As a graduate, you are now a member of the Convocation of UWA Graduates, a legally constituted body – unique to UWA – which provides you with the opportunity to share in, and contribute to, the future intellectual and cultural prosperity of the University.

You are eligible to vote for members of the Alumni Council (the representative body of the Convocation of UWA Graduates) and representatives on the Senate of UWA, and to be nominated for these roles. To find out more about how to get involved please visit **[convocation.uwa.edu.au](https://convocation.uwa.edu.au)**.

We encourage you to continue your relationship with UWA – to vote, attend events, stay in touch and get involved in UWA alumni life!



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



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



**Network:** with a global community of over 150,000 graduates across 11 UWA Global Alumni Networks. You can find more about the UWA Alumni Networks by scanning the QR code.



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



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

Find out more by visiting **[alumni.uwa.edu.au](https://alumni.uwa.edu.au)**



# The University's Graduation Ceremonies

## 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 as it enters.

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.

Official guests, including the alumni guest speaker, and the valedictorian are next, along with 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.

# The University's Graduation Ceremonies

## 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

### **Chief Financial Officer**

Ms Leona Marquand, BA(Hons) *UOP*, DipIFRACCA, GradDipAppFin *FASEA*, FCA

## **Other principal office-bearers**

### **Chair of the Academic Board**

Winthrop Professor Marc Tennant AM, BDSc 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.*

### **Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Education)**

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

# University Senate

## **Ex officio – Chancellor**

Dr Diane Smith-Gander AO (Chancellor and Chair)

## **Ex officio – Vice-Chancellor**

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

## **Appointed by the Governor**

Ms Joanne Farrell, BSc *W.Aust.*, GradDipMgt *Curtin*, BLP *UNSW*, SLP *LBS*, MAICD  
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**

Professor Serena Dipierro, BMath MMath *UniBa*, PhD *SISSA*

## **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 Jill (Jillian) 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

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