



THE UNIVERSITY OF
**WESTERN
AUSTRALIA**

**POSTGRADUATE
STUDY AT UWA**

IT STARTS HERE

YOUR NEXT CHAPTER STARTS HERE



At UWA, you'll be empowered to explore boldly, challenge ideas, and make your mark on the world. You'll learn from passionate experts aligned with industry, and join a vibrant, multicultural community that values collaboration and curiosity.

We will help you navigate your own path and create a future only you can define, supported by the knowledge and practical skills that will prepare you for what's ahead.

Welcome to UWA.

Professor Amit Chakma
Vice-Chancellor



REMEMBER THIS MOMENT

It's your next step toward something bigger.

With new connections to make. New questions to ask.
And actions that take you towards your tomorrow.

This is a place where you learn to break barriers.

To make noise. To do more than live - to matter.

Most people wait to see where the world takes them.

At UWA, you take on the world.

Let's make a start.

WELCOME TO UWA



Indigenous Acknowledgement

The University of Western Australia acknowledges that its campuses are situated on Noongar land and that Noongar people remain the spiritual and cultural custodians of their land, and continue to practise their values, languages, beliefs and knowledge.



From learning to legacy

For over a century, UWA has been the launchpad for Western Australia's brightest minds. As WA's first university, we've built a legacy of curiosity, courage and community – and we're just getting started.

Our place, our story

Here on Whadjuk Noongar land beside Derbarl Yerrigan (the Swan River), knowledge has been shared for tens of thousands of years. This place, known as Bilya Marlee; the River of the Swan, continues to be a meeting point where ideas flow and cultures come together.

We honour the wisdom of the Whadjuk Noongar people, whose deep connection to Country shapes how we learn, research and grow together. Our commitment extends beyond Perth, with a campus on Minang land in Albany, contributing to the Great Southern community for over 25 years.

Stand out and shape what's next

UWA's top 100 ranking (QS 2026) is more than a number. It's a mindset. A commitment to helping you thrive, lead and create impact. Our graduates don't just enter industries – they transform them, both locally and globally.

Top
100

UWA is ranked 77th in the world (QS 2026), standing proudly as WA's only university in the global top 100.

12
subjects ranked in
the world's top 50

Including Agriculture and Forestry, Anatomy and Physiology, Mineral and Mining Engineering, Geology and Sports-related Subjects (QS 2025, GRAS 2025).

110+
years of impact

Founded as WA's first university in 1911, UWA has shaped the State's future for generations.

155k
graduates worldwide

From Nobel Prize winners to startup founders, you'll join a powerful network of extraordinary mentors, collaborators, and friends wherever you go.

Proud member of
Go8
universities

As part of Australia's prestigious Group of Eight universities, you'll gain access to world-class research opportunities, collaborate with leading academics, and be part of projects that shape global innovation.



TRANSFORM YOUR CAREER THROUGH COLLABORATION

At UWA, postgraduate study builds on your existing knowledge and professional experience to help you take your next career step. Whether you're advancing in your current field, changing direction, or building on your undergraduate study, we connect you with the networks, skills and experience to make it happen.

uwa.au/future-career

“The coursework really grounded me in the theory, motivation, engagement, organisational culture, but seeing it play out in a real workplace brought it to life in a whole new way.”

Sarah

A placement with Perth Festival's People and Culture team offered Master of Industrial and Organisational Psychology graduate, Sarah, the chance to unite her two passions: workplace psychology and the arts.



Powering progress through partnership

At UWA, learning goes beyond the classroom. It's where ideas turn into action and collaboration sparks progress. Our world-class researchers, exceptional talent, and cutting-edge facilities make us the partner of choice for organisations looking to innovate and grow.



Designed with industry, for industry

Our postgraduate courses are shaped in collaboration with employers to ensure you graduate with the skills and experience they're looking for – from technical expertise to leadership, creativity and adaptability. You'll benefit from learning that aligns with real-world needs, so you can step confidently into your next role.



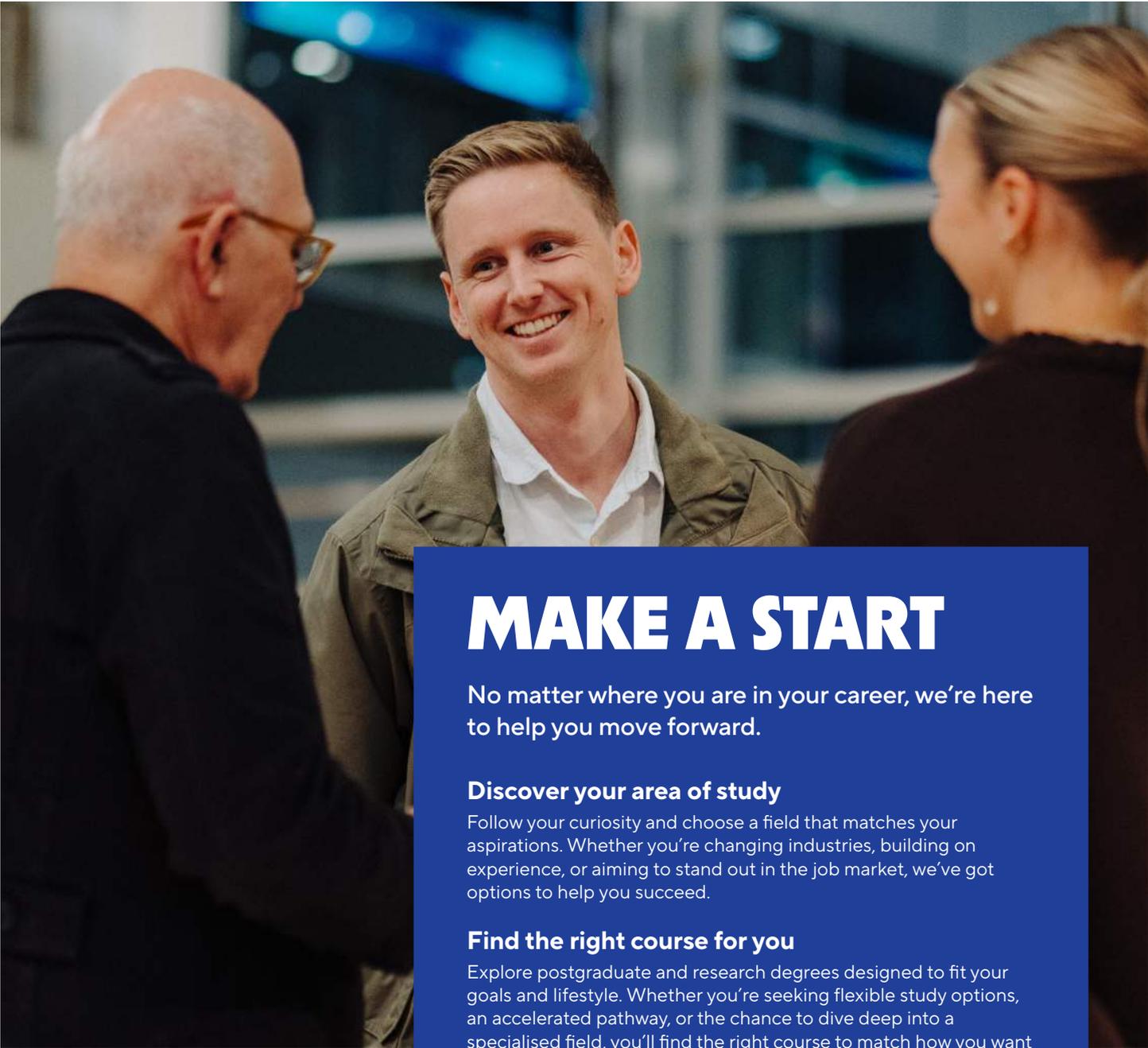
Learn where it matters

At UWA, your postgraduate study takes you into the environments where knowledge is created and applied. You'll work alongside researchers, industry partners and professionals, whether that's through advanced fieldwork across WA and Australia or global industry collaborations. These hands-on experiences strengthen your career and position you as a leader in your field.



Build connections to shape your future

Your education opens doors, but mentorship takes you further. UWA's Career Mentor Link is a one-on-one mentoring program that connects you with industry leaders who provide real-world advice and support. Graduate ready to step forward with the skills, networks, and confidence to succeed.



MAKE A START

No matter where you are in your career, we're here to help you move forward.

Discover your area of study

Follow your curiosity and choose a field that matches your aspirations. Whether you're changing industries, building on experience, or aiming to stand out in the job market, we've got options to help you succeed.

Find the right course for you

Explore postgraduate and research degrees designed to fit your goals and lifestyle. Whether you're seeking flexible study options, an accelerated pathway, or the chance to dive deep into a specialised field, you'll find the right course to match how you want to learn and where you want to go.

Build your career

Start from day one. Gain real-world experience through networking, internships, volunteering, and projects so you graduate ready to make an impact.

Let's talk

Our Future Students team can help you explore your study options and guide you through the application process. You can reach us on 131 UWA (131 892) or +61 8 6488 1000, or visit ask.uwa.edu.au

We also host events throughout the year where you can meet course leaders and future classmates, and we'd love to see you there! Visit uwa.au/events



POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

Whether you want to take your career to the next level, change direction or make your mark solving real challenges, a postgraduate degree prepares you to go further.

Type of course	Choose this to...	Outcomes and benefits
Micro-credentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain new skills and knowledge in a specific field in a short period of time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update, upskill or reskill. Complete a one-off micro-credential or stack them up. Convert into credit towards an undergraduate or postgraduate course.
Graduate certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study a short course to develop an existing skillset or get started in a new one. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop your practical skills in as little as 6 months. Option to progress from a graduate certificate to a graduate diploma or a master's degree.
Graduate diploma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain deeper expertise or change direction without committing to a full master's degree. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hone in on a specific area of interest and become a specialist in that field. Option to progress from a graduate diploma to a master's degree.
Master's by coursework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advance your career prospects and stand out in your profession. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain specialist knowledge of an area of professional practice. Improve your career.
Master's by Research and PhDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore your passion or follow your interest in an area of research. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A unique opportunity to conduct research that makes a real impact. Take part in research projects alongside globally renowned experts.
Doctorate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to the knowledge base of your chosen profession. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become a leader in your field with advanced expertise and opportunities to influence, innovate, and make meaningful contributions in your discipline.

uwa.au/postgraduate



TAKE ON TODAY'S ISSUES

At UWA, research begins where the Indian Ocean meets the desert and urban ambition meets vast horizons. A place of extremes and opportunities that demands bold ideas.

Across key domains such as clean energy and sustainable resources, health and biotechnology, frontier technologies, culture and heritage, and resilient environments and climate change, our researchers design solutions the world needs now. Imagine how Dr Wiebke Ebeling is leading a project that could make Australia a global leader in renewables. How Associate Professor Sascha Schediwy is transforming space communications with laser technology that transfers data between Earth and orbit up to 1,000 times faster than today's systems. And through Australia-wide collaboration, Professor Jane Pillow and UWA graduate Dr Arjun Kaushik are part of a team creating a device that helps doctors detect oxygen loss in babies during labour, preventing birth asphyxia and reducing the risk of cerebral palsy.

These are just a few examples of how UWA researchers shape our future communities, lands and economies for the better.

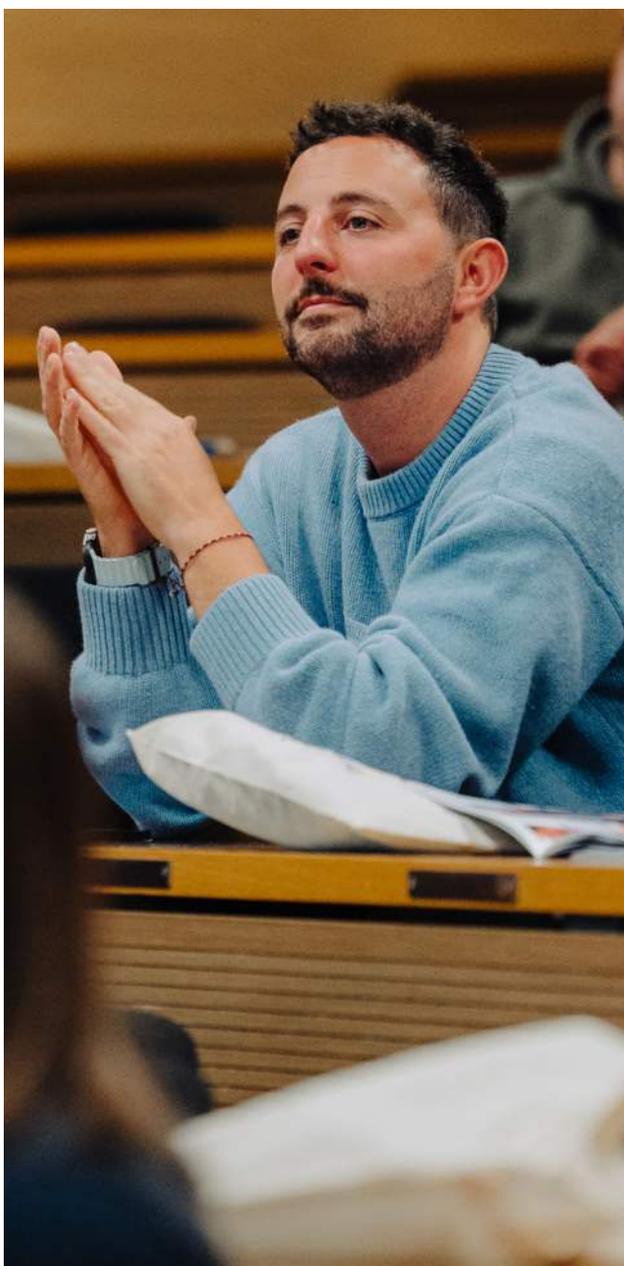
And here's where you come in. When you study at UWA, you're not just learning about change, you become part of it. You'll work alongside researchers who are solving problems that matter today, and you'll bring your own ideas to the table. You might find yourself in a lab developing new materials, out in the field restoring fragile ecosystems, or on an internship helping industry innovate and transform for the better. Wherever the journey might take you, this is research with purpose, grounded in place, driven by curiosity, and aimed at a better future for all. The question is: what will your impact be?

uwa.au/research

RESEARCH DEGREES

Open up a world of opportunities with a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) at UWA.

- Pursue research in the field that matters to you.
- Be mentored by a supportive supervisory team at the forefront of their disciplines.
- Develop strong skills in analysis, project management, teamwork, leadership, and communication.
- Tackle complex challenges with confidence and independence.
- Partner with industry and community to turn research into impact.



Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Intake months February to November

Completion 4 years full-time

A program of independent, supervised research assessed by examination of a thesis and viva voce. The work presented for examination must be a substantial and original contribution to scholarship, demonstrating mastery of the subject and advancing the field of knowledge.

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

Intake months February to November

Completion 2 years full-time

An opportunity to undertake a program of independent, supervised research and demonstrate an advanced, integrated understanding of complex knowledge in your field of study.

Professional Doctorate and Research Masters (Thesis and Coursework)

Intake months Consult individual course information

Completion between 2 and 4 years

Research-focused programs designed to meet specific advanced professional needs.

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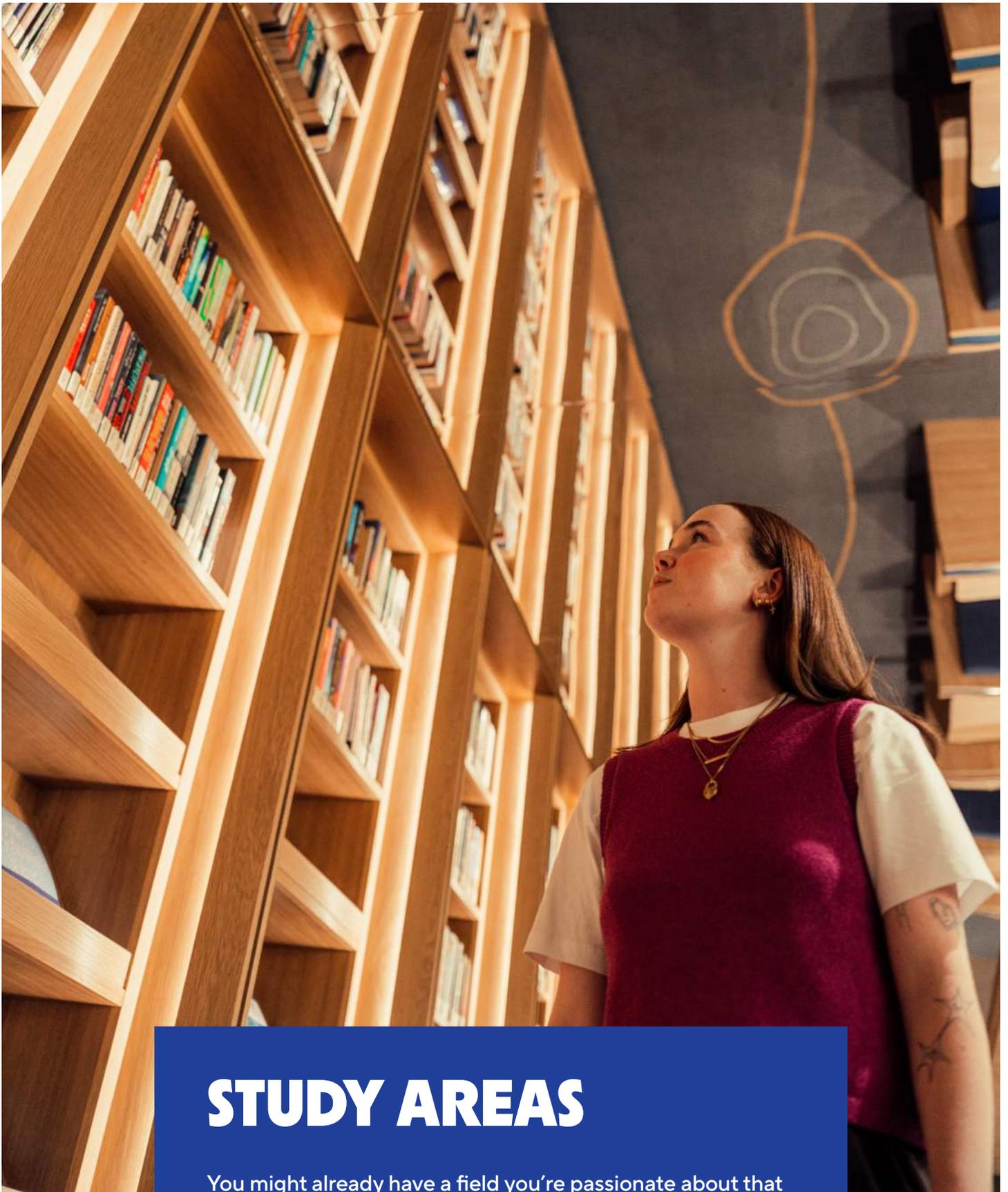
HDR Scholarships

UWA offers a range of research scholarships that support tuition, living and research costs, helping you focus on making a real impact through your studies.

Applications open for the domestic scholarship round (including UWA international students) from 1 September to 31 October 2026.

uwa.au/hdr-scholarships





STUDY AREAS

You might already have a field you're passionate about that matches your career plans, or maybe you're still deciding – here are some ideas to help you choose the best course for you and your career goals.



Architecture and Design

Shape the sustainable cities of tomorrow by studying Architecture and Design at UWA. Combine creativity with innovation to craft vibrant, socially engaged spaces that tackle global challenges. Develop bold designs that bring environments to life through critical thinking and forward-thinking solutions.

uwa.au/architecture-and-design



Business and Commerce

Turn your ambition into impact with a Business and Commerce degree from UWA. Gain real-world experience through internships, case studies, and projects that prepare you for the workplace. UWA's Business School connects you to opportunities across industry, government, and the not-for-profit sector. Along the way, you'll build strong business acumen that will help you gain the confidence to shape outcomes, lead change, and make your mark.

uwa.au/business-and-commerce



Data and Computer Science

Help shape the technologies transforming our world and improve everyday life – from AI and cybersecurity to cloud computing and software development. With practical experience and global industry connections, you'll be ready to lead in one of the world's fastest-growing fields.

uwa.au/data-and-computer-science



Education

Teaching isn't just a career – it's your chance to guide tomorrow's thinkers and empower the next generation. Build the skills, confidence and experience to lead a classroom and make a real impact on young minds. Graduate ready for a rewarding career that matters, every single day.

uwa.au/education



Engineering

At UWA, Engineering is your pathway to designing real solutions for the world's most pressing challenges. You'll learn from industry-integrated researchers and leading engineers, gaining hands-on experience in WA's thriving energy, resources, and technology hub. Together, we'll equip you to create safer, smarter, and more sustainable communities for the future.

uwa.au/engineering



Health and Biomedical Sciences

We'll help turn your passion for improving the health and wellbeing of communities into real-world impact. Our close ties to WA's health system give you hands-on experience and industry insight, while growing global demand for health professionals means the skills and knowledge you build here can take you anywhere. You'll gain the confidence and connections to lead in areas like clinical practice, research, public health, policy and more.

uwa.au/health-and-biomedical-sci



Humanities and Social Sciences

Ask and answer big questions as you explore the ideas and influences that shape societies of the past, present and future. From culture and politics to media, history, language and the environment, you'll examine the forces that drive change. Tackle complex challenges, design thoughtful solutions and lead with confidence and purpose.

uwa.au/humanities-and-social-sci



Law

Discover how legal thinking shapes real-world decisions and join a community driven by justice. Build your expertise in areas like criminology, human rights, the interaction between law and society, commercial law, taxation law and more.

uwa.au/law



Music and Fine Arts

Release your full creative potential and set yourself up for a future fuelled by imagination and innovation. With practical experience, industry connections and guidance from award-winning artists and musicians, you'll be ready to shape culture, create original work and stand out in the global creative world.

uwa.au/music-and-fine-arts



Natural and Physical Sciences

Prepare for a career solving challenges and shaping a better future. From agriculture and environment, biology and chemistry, earth and oceans, physics and mathematics – you'll gain the knowledge and skills to break new ground.

uwa.au/natural-and-physical-sci



Psychology

Learn how to understand people and drive positive change across communities, workplaces and society. Psychology at UWA gives you a deep, scientific understanding of how people think and behave. Learn from leading experts, apply your knowledge to real issues, and open doors to careers in health, business, tech, community and beyond.

uwa.au/psychology

HOW TO APPLY

Postgraduate coursework degrees

1. Apply online

Visit uwa.au/how-to-apply and choose your application type to see the step-by-step process for applying to UWA. If it's your first time applying to UWA, create a profile by selecting the 'sign up' tab. Once you've signed up, submit all required documentation in digital format.

2. Accept your offer

You'll receive your outcome by email. If successful, follow the steps in your offer email to accept or visit uwa.au/unistart

3. Enrol online

Enrol in your course at uwa.au/enrol

Higher Degree by Research

1. Choose your research path

Once you've selected a research degree, it's time to define your project. Have a research idea of your own? You can apply for the course that aligns with your proposal by following the steps below. Prefer to join an existing initiative? Explore projects led by our academic teams and find one that matches your skills, interests, and career goals at researchdegrees.uwa.edu.au/projects

2. Determine your eligibility

To be eligible for admission into a HDR degree, you will need to demonstrate adequate research preparation and English language competency. Find out more at uwa.au/apply-hdr

3. Find a supervisor

Supervisors guide and provide feedback throughout your research degree, so their expertise should align with your project. Use our Research Repository to find potential supervisors in your field, then contact them with your transcript and a brief research proposal.

Visit research-repository.uwa.edu.au

4. Apply online

Visit uwa.au/how-to-apply and choose your application type to see the step-by-step process for applying to UWA or apply through our HDR application portal researchdegrees.uwa.edu.au

We're here to help

If you need advice on choosing a course or need help with your application, contact us on 131 UWA (131 892), or visit ask.uwa.edu.au

Research vs coursework

Coursework degrees follow a set pattern of learning, making them perfect if you're looking for a structured way to gain the skills you need. If you're keen to pursue a more independent path to knowledge, our HDR programs are for you. UWA is one of Australia's top research-intensive universities, and our research degrees offer a unique opportunity to explore your passion and make a lasting impact in your field.



FEES



What will my postgraduate studies cost?

Your tuition fees vary depending on your chosen course and the number of units you enrol in. You can find more information on the cost of your course at fees.uwa.edu.au

Postgraduate coursework fees

There are two types of fee arrangements:

Full Fee Paying (FFP)

- Not subsidised by the Australian Government
- You pay the full cost of the course
- Eligible domestic students can apply for a FEE-HELP loan

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

- Available to eligible domestic students
- Australian Government subsidises part of the cost
- You pay a student contribution, which varies by unit
- Eligible for a HECS-HELP loan

Learn more at studyassist.gov.au/help-loans

Higher Degree by Research fees

If you're a domestic student, you could be eligible for the Research Training Program (RTP) which means you won't need to pay tuition fees for your research degree. Learn more at uwa.au/hdr-scholarships

Student Services and Amenities Fee

The Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) is a compulsory fee that directly benefits all UWA students. The fee is used to provide a range of recreational, sporting, social and educational facilities and services, including student representation. For more information, visit uwa.au/ssaf

Other expenses

For further information and advice on the other costs associated with your study, visit uwa.au/cost-of-living

How can I reduce costs?

Recognition of prior learning

You may be eligible to shorten your course and reduce fees based on previous qualifications. Contact us at ask.uwa.edu.au to find out more.

Consider possible tax benefits

If your course directly relates to your job, you may be eligible to claim tax deductions. Find out more at ato.gov.au

Share your costs with your employer

Upskilling is a benefit to the workplace, so it's worth approaching your employer with a proposal for professional development.

Unlock your potential with scholarships

Our scholarships are more than financial assistance. They open doors to new opportunities. Whether you're overcoming personal or financial challenges or being recognised for academic excellence, leadership, research or global experience, UWA scholarships can empower you to thrive.

Explore our scholarships and find the one that fits you at uwa.au/explore-scholarships or connect with us at ask.uwa.edu.au

WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU THRIVE

Beginning postgraduate study is an exciting step, whether you're returning to university, continuing your academic journey, or balancing study with work and family commitments – we offer a range of services that can help.

uwa.au/students



Support that fits your life

Life doesn't stop when you start postgrad study. We offer quality childcare, after-school and holiday programs, plus accessibility support for physical or mental health conditions – whether ongoing or temporary.

We'll help you sharpen your skills with personalised academic support in study techniques, critical thinking, essay writing, research methods and more.

Career support that moves you forward

Our Careers and Employability Centre is here to support you at every stage of your career journey. Build your interview skills, strengthen your résumé, or explore career options aligned with your interests, strengths, and study area. Whether you're stepping up, switching paths, or expanding horizons, our team will help you take confident next steps toward your future.

A place to belong

Our campus sits beside the beautiful Bilya Marlee (River of the Swan). It's a space for connection, confidence, and new beginnings – the perfect setting to start your university journey. Make friends, enjoy events, and discover a built-in community that supports you from day one.



Experience life beyond the classroom

Life at UWA puts you at the centre of the action. Fill your calendar with free events, workshops, and programs – from live gigs to career-boosting courses. Stay active with social sports and gym sessions. And when you're hungry? Explore campus cafés or local eateries for a taste of Perth.

Indigenous students at UWA

As an Indigenous student at UWA, you're part of a story that stretches beyond today – a story of strength, culture and impact. You'll have access to financial support and scholarships, a dedicated space to connect and grow, study support, and a range of social, sporting and cultural events, so your ambitions are supported every step of the way.

Your wellbeing matters

On campus, you'll find confidential medical services, as well as mental health and wellbeing services, so you can get the right support when you need it. You can also drop into The Living Room for a friendly chat – no appointment needed. Safety is a priority too, with 24/7 security ready to walk you to your car, bus stop or accommodation.



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Get the latest on studying at UWA, uni life, our courses and career pathways, events, study tips and so much more!



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