The School of Earth and Environment
is one of the largest Schools in UWA
and focuses on providing an integrated
understanding of the Earth and its
environmental systems, including its
gerological structure, its physical and
biological landscapes, and human
settlement and development. We have
exciting coursework and research
opportunities spanning geosciences,
geography and planning, soil science,
environmental science and more.

The School hosts significant research
centres including the Centre for
Exploration Targeting, the ARC
Centre of Excellence in Coral Reef
Studies, the Centre for Regional
Development, the Planning and
Transport Research Centre, and the
Centre for Energy Geoscience.
Additionally, the School has close links
with the Institute of Agriculture, Centre
for Microscopy Characterisation and
Analysis, and the Oceans Institute.

We offer a number of undergraduate
majors, such as Human Geography and
Planning, Geology, Geography, and
Environmental Science. We also offer
a number of postgraduate coursework
degrees, from Graduate Certificates and
Diplomas to specialist Masters degrees
in areas as diverse as environmental
science, geoscience, geophysics, and
urban and regional planning. Our diverse
teaching portfolio incorporates traditional
lectures, laboratories and extensive
fieldwork programs.

PhD and Masters: Our research
environment is reflected in the
achievements of our approximately
120 PhD students and around
800 postgraduate and undergraduate
coursework students.

The School has an excellent research
profile, with its researchers publishing
around 250 peer-reviewed journal articles
annually, including papers in the premier
journals Nature and Science. We currently
conduct research in areas such as land
and water management, ore deposits
and mineral exploration, petroleum
and geothermal geoscience, and plant
nutrition in natural and agricultural
ecosystems, to name a few. It has an
international profile for its work in soil
science and land rehabilitation.

Academic staff in the School are
highly successful in generating research
income with $12-14 million a year being
generated through 2010-2014.

The School members have been
recognised for excellence though
membership of Australian Research
Council panels, fellowships of
international and national science
academies, and winning prestigious
awards and fellowships such as the
Mawson Medal and the Dorothy Hill
Award (Australian Academy of Science),
an ARC Laureate Fellowship, two Western
Australian Premier’s Fellowships and a
Premier’s Science Award.

UWA is located in a unique geographical
location for research in this field,
being in close proximity to an
international biodiversity hotspot –
Australia’s South West. This is an area
of 300,000 square kilometres, with
13,500 kilometres of coastline, which
is home to more than 1,500 plant
species and myriad endemic mammals.
The World Heritage-listed Shark Bay
and Ningaloo Reef – one of the world’s
largest fringing reefs – are also on our
doorstep, presenting unique marine and
environmental research opportunities.

In the 2015 ERA rankings
UWA received a 5 – ‘well
above world standard’ for
Environmental Science and a
4 – ‘above world standard’
for Earth Sciences

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