

# THE PARTNERSHIP

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BETWEEN THE UWA STUDENT GUILD (THE GUILD)  
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (UWA).



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**WESTERN  
AUSTRALIA**



# BACKGROUND

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## FOR AN INSTITUTION TO EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE WITH STUDENTS, IT NEEDS TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STUDENT BODY

It is important to have a culture of collaboration in place so that both staff and students are able to better facilitate student success, innovation, and contribution.

The Partnership reinforces the Charter of Student Rights and UWA's Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct. Working alongside these important principles The Partnership will guide and build a stronger working relationship between the University and its Guild as the peak representative body for students. As key stakeholders of the services that the University provides, students are valuable participants in the discussion to better achieve the aims of the University and to foster an exceptional student experience.

Strong student representation on school boards and committees ranging from the course/subject level to high level institutional bodies can ensure that students are collaborating with university personnel and academics to incorporate the student voice. This is particularly important for typically under-represented students to continually promote an inclusive, empowering and accessible environment for all.

The strength of student representation on university decision making boards is enhanced further when students can clearly see the tangible difference that they can make. The Partnership encourages demonstration by the University of their commitment to and respect for the voices of their students. One of the most effective ways of achieving this is by not only including students in the decision that directly impact them, but also seeking their ideas for innovation and change.

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## VISION

The University of Western Australia and the UWA Student Guild have brought students and staff together to establish a set of shared goals and expectations known as The Partnership. This framework will aim to actively encourage staff and students to build on existing strengths and collaborate to provide an exceptional culture and experience like no other.

## COMMITMENT

The word ‘partnership’ reflects the collaboration between students and staff at UWA, in order to empower students to take a proactive approach in their education, have a greater say in the direction of their tertiary experience, and encourage long-lasting contributions back to the UWA community.

As opposed to the legal definition of partnership as something that involves equal responsibility and liability, the UWA Partnership focusses on three primary commitments that apply to staff and students alike:

1. To promote a receptive, and accessible institutional culture.
2. To actively engage and contribute to the educational experience, the advancement of knowledge and extracurricular activities.
3. To foster strong, supported and effective student leaders.

At the heart of this mutual respect is a positive corridor of open communication between the Guild and the University, with both institutions viewing the other as a critical friend and partner in their pursuit of common goals, stronger student engagement and satisfaction.

## EXPECTATIONS

The UWA Partnership's vision and expectations are shared, driving students and staff towards mutually rewarding outcomes and helping to foster a rewarding collegial experience for all.

Setting the bar high, these expectations are an intrinsic part of The Partnership and should be used to inform communications and activities between all members and facets of the University community.

At The Partnership's core everyone can expect:

- Collaboration in research, teaching, learning, facility design and developmental opportunities.
- Genuine efforts to the fulfilment of our commitments to one another.
- An engaging, supportive, and rewarding university experience.
- To be able to share one's voice, be heard and generate positive change.
- Respect for the views, opinions and beliefs of others.
- Recognition and celebration of the University community's diversity.
- Effective and relevant feedback to be actively sought after and provided.
- Celebration of merit, achievement and excellence in the pursuit of shared goals.

This framework will encourage both staff and students to develop activities & initiatives that embed the values and ethos of The Partnership into the academic and social culture of the University.

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The University of Western Australia (UWA) and the UWA Student Guild (the Guild) agree that:

- This framework shall become effective upon signature by the authorised officials from UWA and the Guild and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent.
- This framework is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorised officials from UWA and the Guild.
- Should the scope of this agreement change in any way during the term, a review by all parties will be undertaken. All changes of the scope will be agreed to in writing; and
- All parties will make every effort to support and promote this agreement to their members and staff.
- This framework may be terminated on 3 months' written notice given by one party to the other party;

## AGREEMENT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The undersigned agrees to the terms and conditions set out in The Partnership and is authorised by their respective organisation to make this agreement.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF  
The University of Western Australia

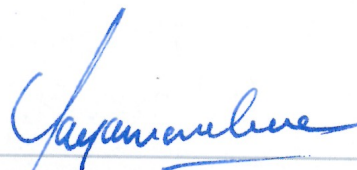
SIGNED ON BEHALF OF  
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PROFESSOR DAWN FRESHWATER  
VICE CHANCELLOR

DATED: 22 / 11 / 17



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NEVIN JAYAWARDENA  
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DATED: 23 / 11 / 17