





Together, we will lead with purpose, act with courage, and shape what comes next.

Message from the President and Vice-Chancellor

This has been a year marked by momentum, collaboration, and connection—both across our university and with the broader community.

Highlights include the launch of our first-ever doctoral program, the PhD in Bioscience and Policy, and the completion of a cluster hire that brought eight new Indigenous faculty members to UWinnipeg. We also continued our focus on alumni and community engagement, launching a refreshed lineup of alumni activities and welcoming thousands of community members to campus throughout the year—including nearly 1,000 Grade 3–8 students who participated in STEM Days.

A key milestone this year was the completion of our new strategic plan, *Meeting the Moment*. Informed by an in-depth consultation process that engaged more than 1,300 voices, the plan reflects our university community's shared commitment to rise to meet the needs and opportunities before us—in our city, our province, and our world.

The five pillars of the plan–Academic Excellence, Transformational Research, Reconciliation and Indigenous Excellence, Community Engagement, and Campus Revitalization—have been used as the structure for this report, aligning our annual progress with our long-term goals.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this remarkable year.

Dr. Todd Mondor

President and Vice-Chancellor

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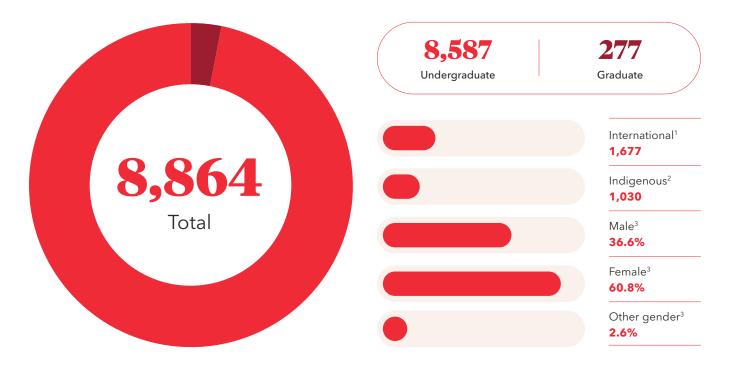
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Pillar 1: Fostering a thriving academic community of excellence

Above: Simon DePasquale, who was valedictorian in 2023, will be one of the first students to begin the University's new PhD in Bioscience and Policy program.

Enrolment

As of November 1, 2024



Notes

- 1) International student enrolment includes visiting and exchange students. International exchange students do not pay fees to UWinnipeg.
- 2) Indigenous identity is voluntarily self-declared on the application form. As such, the numbers reported may be less than the total population of Indigenous students on campus.
- 3) Gender identity is self-declared on the application form. Individuals have the option to select "other."

International students - Top 5 countries of origin



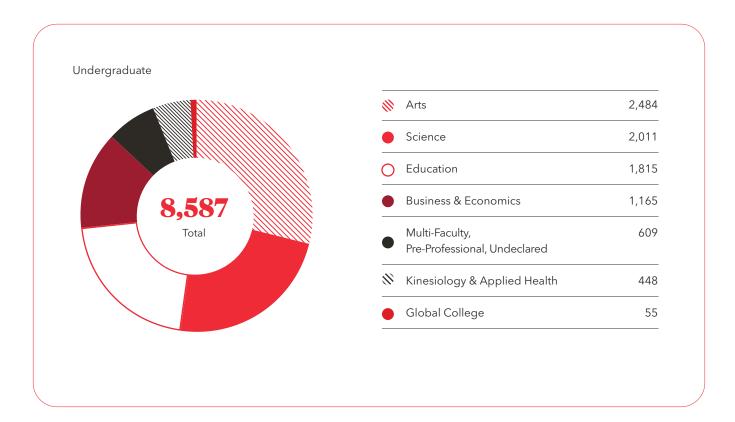
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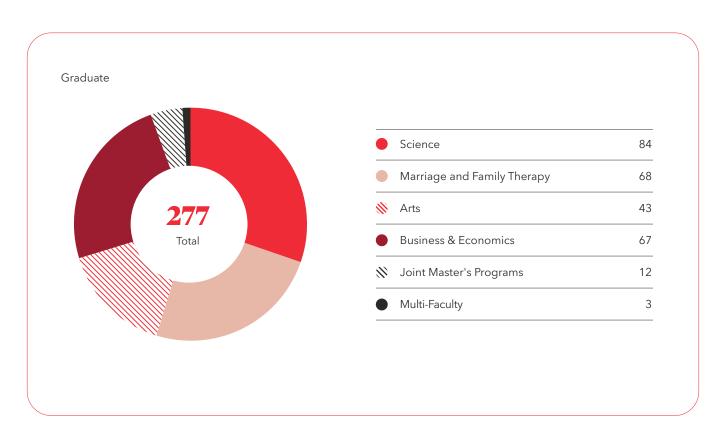
1,445

Collegiate Enrolment

418

Undergraduate and graduate enrolment by faculty - fall session



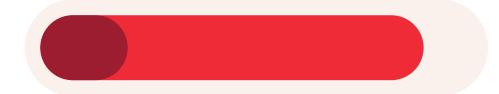


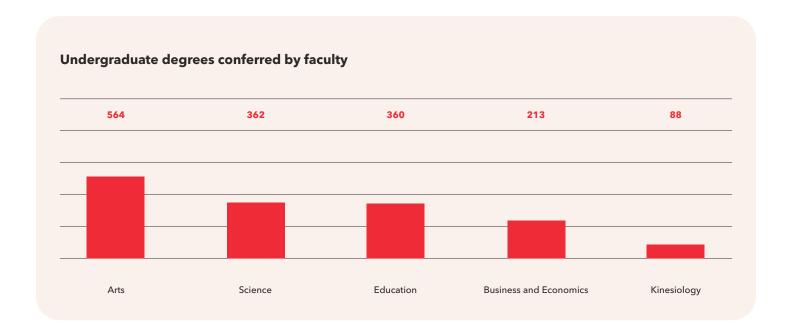
Degrees conferred

1,677

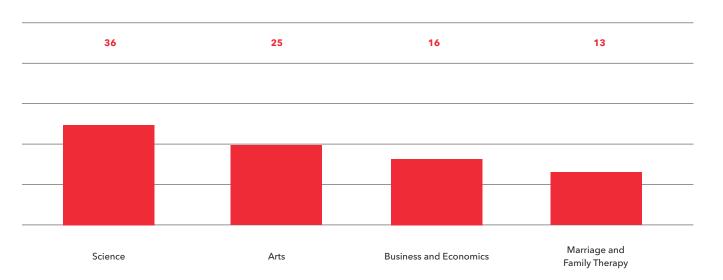
Undergraduate 1,587

Graduate **90**





Graduate degrees conferred by faculty



UWinnipeg launches new PhD program

In March 2025, the campus community gathered to celebrate the launch of UWinnipeg's first ever doctoral program, the PhD in Bioscience and Policy. Hailey Langford and Simon DePasquale, two students who plan to take the brand-new program, spoke at the event. Dr. Craig Willis, Chair of the new PhD program, said it builds on the University's existing strengths. "We already have students who have done amazing research that has made the world better," he said. "They've gone on to terrific careers and continue to have a positive impact. Part of this is our focus on helping students understand the policy implications of their work so they can leverage results to benefit society."

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- Dr. Craig Willis

Six graduate students win Research Manitoba awards

In July 2024, six UWinnipeg graduate students received Research Manitoba Trainee Awards, which support those preparing for careers as independent researchers across various sectors, including industry and the health-care system. Each award consists of an annual stipend for one year. Three of UWinnipeg's six recipients—Camille Forbes, Indeera Hetti Arachchige, and Tia Bartel-Ens—are candidates in the Master in Environmental and Social Change program. Two more—Madison Chisholm and Ranjini Mukherjee—are in the Master of Science in Bioscience, Technology, and Public Policy program. The sixth, Jayson Gislason, is taking a joint Master of Arts in History.

Scholarships, awards, and bursaries

2024-2025

	Scholarships	Bursaries	Opportunity Fund bursaries	Opportunity Fund programs	UWinnipeg/ Indspire	External	
Total amount	\$1,938,804	\$1,446,046	\$375,250	\$185,731	\$677,035	\$447,770	
Total number	1,300	1,169	481	75	159	190	

2024-25 valedictorians



Ava Stokke | Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and English

Ava received prestigious scholarships in both mathematics and English. She was awarded the Peter Pauls Scholarship in English in 2022 and the Dr. Jessie Blackwood Lang Scholarship from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics in 2023. Ava also won a highly competitive NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award that enabled her to participate in a special research project under the supervision of Dr. Matthew Wiersma.



Damilola Ashaju | Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Economics

Damilola was a highly engaged leader in the Finance and Economics Students' Association—serving as Vice-President (Academic Services) in 2022-2023 and president in 2023-2024. In these roles, he helped lay the groundwork for the inaugural student-managed investment fund. Damilola represented UWinnipeg in the CFA Research Challenge (2024), CFA Ethics Challenge (2023), and Bank of Canada Governor's Challenge (2021, 2024). He also served as a volunteer for Siloam Mission and United Way Winnipeg.



Indigo Wiebe | Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Indigo Wiebe said UWinnipeg's Kinesiology BSc in Athletic Therapy aligned with her interests in sports and healthcare. She distinguished herself through academics and extra-curriculars like serving as the Wesmen women's basketball team's student athletic therapist, coaching high school and club volleyball, and volunteering at a community centre. She is a recipient of the Chuck Badcock Scholarship in Athletic Therapy, the Gord Mackie Scholarship in Athletic Therapy, and an Ongoing Education Support Award from the Winkler Community Foundation.



Kate Binesigichidaakwe McDonald | Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Languages

Kate Binesigichidaakwe McDonald first came to UWinnipeg right out of high school, but left two credits short of a 3-year BA. After some major life changes, her focus on the revitalization of Anishinaabemowin brought her back to UWinnipeg. She received a research grant for a project on passing Anishinaabe Gikendaasowin/Ways of Knowing to future generations. She also helped found an Anishinaabemowin language non-profit, Gaagige Ganawendamaang Anishinaabemowin.



Research funding

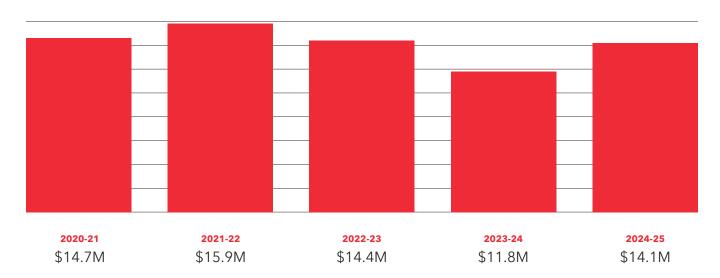
External research funding		2024-2025
Government sponsors	Total	\$2,712,371
Federal government – departments		\$1,565,442
Province of Manitoba		\$1,098,689
City of Winnipeg		\$48,240
Federal government – research funding agencies	Total	\$7,559,918
NSERC		\$2,589,637
SSHRC		\$2,340,718
Canada Research Chairs		\$769,399
CIHR		\$724,652
CFI		\$1,135,512
Federal Research Support Fund	Total	\$2,054,538
Foundations, industry and other agencies	Total	\$1,767,130
Research Funding	Total	\$14,093,957



Master's student receives MEIA award for environmental research work

In March of 2025, Chathuri Mudalige, a candidate in the Master of Environmental and Social Change program, received the prestigious Deb Tardiff Scholarship from the Manitoba Environmental Industries Association in recognition of her academic standing, volunteer experience, and contributions to environmental sciences. Chathuri's research in UWinnipeg's Desforges Lab will increase the speed and accuracy of chemical testing of persistent organic pollutants, which can cause adverse health effects in humans and wildlife. Out of approximately 350,000 chemicals and chemical mixtures registered under Chemical Abstract Services, less than 35 per cent have been evaluated for their toxicity. Chathuri is hoping to change that through a modern approach to chemical testing that doesn't involve animal testing.

External research funding 2020-2025



Protein discovery could lead to new breast cancer diagnostics, treatment

Research by Dr. Anuraag Shrivastav has identified a protein responsible for turning a primary cancer into a metastatic cancer. This discovery could lead to new diagnostics and therapeutics, including a potential treatment for highly invasive breast cancer. Dr. Shrivastav hopes a drug can now be developed to treat these kinds of cancers, starting with triple negative breast cancer. There are currently no targeted therapies for triple negative breast cancer, so patients must rely on systemic therapies, like chemotherapy, which have side effects. Dr. Shrivastav's research has additional potential for prognostic and predictive diagnostics. His research could let patients know how likely their breast cancer is to recur, right at the time of diagnosis.

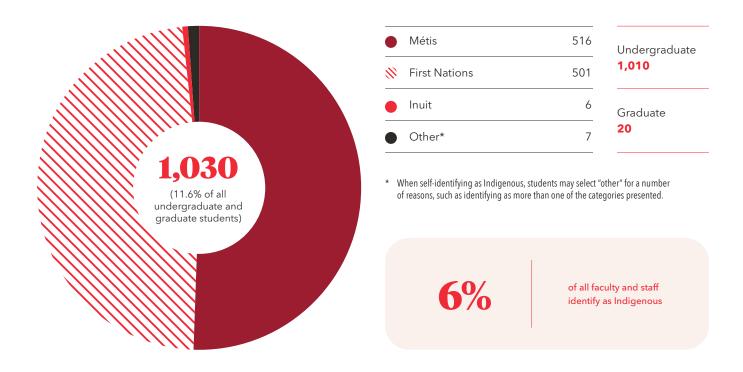


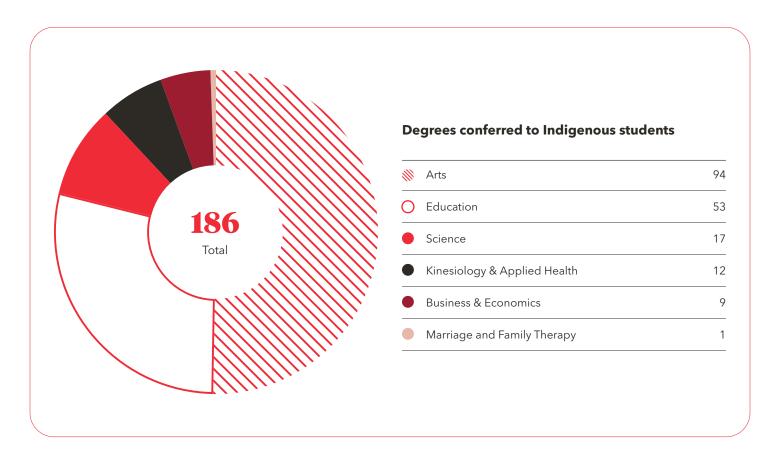
\$2.5 million grant provides global opportunities for students and research

Last summer, student Melanie San Filippo gained priceless archaeology experience with Dr. Mirjana Roksandic. Melanie's summer journey took her on an archaeological dig in Tanzania, to a conference in Ethiopia, and finally to Serbia, where she worked with Dr. Roksandic on an exciting new research project. A \$2.5-million SSHRC Partnership Grant is helping fund Dr. Roksandic's Serbia project, which focuses on studying human evolution and migration through the Balkan Peninsula between 2 million and 10,000 years ago. Dr. Roksandic hopes this research project will shed light on where and how early modern humans, Neanderthals, and other ancient human species moved through the region, what their relationships and interactions were with each other, and how they adapted to changing landscapes.



Indigenous students







Eight new Indigenous faculty members join UWinnipeg

The University completed a cluster hire of eight Indigenous faculty members—Christy Anderson, Dr. Kristen Desjarlais-deKlerk, Robert Hamilton, Ashley Hayward, Dawnis Kennedy, Danika Billie Rose Littlechild, Aandeg Muldrew, and Dr. Derrick Nault—as part of a larger effort to advance Reconciliation at UWinnipeg. These tenure-track positions are in the Departments of Indigenous Studies, Criminal Justice, Business and Administration, Anthropology, Environmental Studies and Sciences, Master's in Development Practice, and Kinesiology. Some of the new faculty members started in the 2024 fall term, while others joined in winter 2025.



Celebrating the inaugural graduates of the Developmental Studies Program

Spring 2024 Convocation saw the first graduates from the inaugural Indigenous cohort of the Developmental Studies Program walk across the stage. These committed Indigenous women overcame significant challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic and large geographical distances. Nine members of the cohort are Indigenous community matriarchs from Northern and rural Manitoba. Students attended courses online and textbooks were mailed at the start of each course. Summers were spent on campus with in-person coursework. University, provincial government, and Indigenous leaders were on hand for a special pre-graduation gathering in May 2024 to mark the students' historic achievements.



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Teaching 'beyond the perimeter'

To help mitigate the shortage of teachers in Northern and rural communities, UWinnipeg's Faculty of Education is connecting student-teachers with schools in rural and remote communities. Through practicums, short-term placements, and day visits, UWinnipeg Education students are gaining invaluable firsthand experience beyond the Perimeter Highway. During the previous academic year, student-teachers visited Gypsumville, Skownan First Nation, Waterhen, Nelson House, Red Sucker Lake, Wanipigow, and Shoal Lake 40. The program hopes to continue to expand its northern exposure and experiential learning by adding new communities, with the continuing goal to encourage future teachers to choose rural and northern communities.





\$100,000 donation from Allan Edie gives UWinnipeg student-athletes a boost

Allan Edie, a Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame inductee and four-time national volleyball champion, showed up for the Wesmen in a big way with a \$100,000 donation to the Wesmen Program Fund. The exciting announcement was made at a celebration in the Duckworth Centre this April.

"Not so long ago, that was you out there – and someone was in your corner," Edie said. "Now it's our turn. Let's carry the torch and pass it to the next generation."

Edie's gift will give Wesmen teams a competitive advantage - improving strength and conditioning facilities, providing new opportunities for travel, and greater resources for players and coaching staff.

"We're making sure that we're giving our athletes every tool so that they can go out and win those championships," said Athletics Director Dr. Cara Isaak. "We've got the buy-in from the athletes. We've got the elite coaches. We've got all the people and the energy that we need to do it. There are just a few things that you need some money for to build it. So that's where this donation, and donations like it, are going to go."

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-Allan Edie

3,249

Visits to STEAM Outreach Programs 3,862

Visits to Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre's Language and Cultural Programming 90+

Public events open to the local community



Criminal Justice professor recognized for solidarity work with criminalized people

Dr. Kevin Walby was recognized for his nearly 20 years of work in solidarity with criminalized people. Dr. Walby received a John Keith Irwin Distinguished Scholar Award from the American Society of Criminology for his sustained outstanding professional contributions to Convict Criminology, a field of study which supports efforts by criminalized people to turn their stories into scholarly work. For 15 years, Dr. Walby has helped publish the *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons*, the only peer-reviewed journal in the world to feature the writings of criminalized people. Dr. Walby also teaches in the Walls to Bridges program, which offers university courses inside prisons and jails.

STEM Days and Science Rendezvous return to Winnipeg

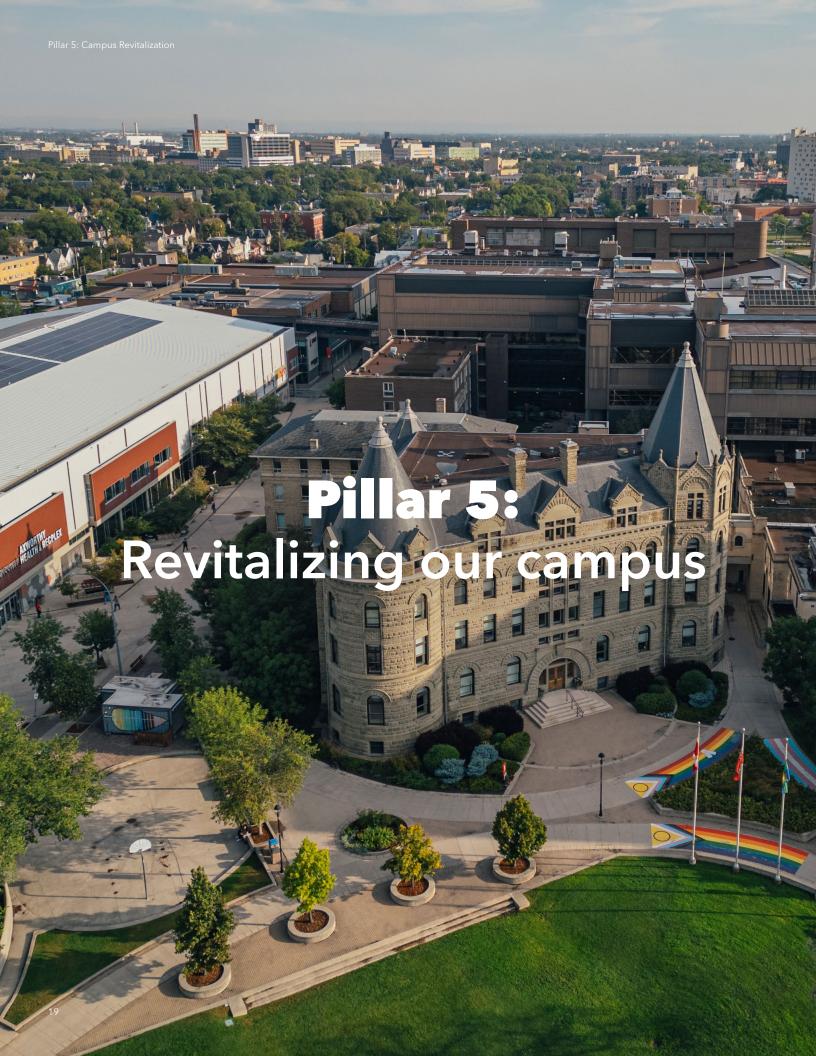
UWinnipeg's Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre once again hosted STEM Days, igniting the imaginations of hundreds of Grades 3-8 students as part of Science Rendezvous, a free, family-oriented STEM festival with nation-wide events. The first annual STEM Day took place in 2022 and involved about 150 students. In 2023, it grew to over 550 students. In 2024, the event expanded to two days to accommodate over 1,000 students from nine schools. Students enjoyed more than two dozen interactive workshops, including a chemistry magic show, drone piloting, fish filleting, and a new workshop on CO2 cars and robotics offered in partnership with RRC Polytech.



Southern Chiefs' Organization supports UWinnipeg students with new award

The Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO) honoured its 25th anniversary in a big way - by creating the Southern Chiefs' Organization 25th Anniversary Scholarship at UWinnipeg. This endowment fund will support a full- or part-time First Nation students at UWinnipeg. The creation of this award furthers the SCO's advocacy of Indigenous Peoples and will offer students valuable educational opportunities to grow and succeed.







Campus in Bloom

The University of Winnipeg launched a new annual event, bringing together faculty and staff from across campus to help beautify the grounds and celebrate the arrival of spring. On the inaugural Campus In Bloom day, volunteers rolled up their sleeves to clean, plant flowers, and show their pride in the shared spaces that make UWinnipeg feel like home.

Creating greener, fresher spaces on Portage

A landscaping refresh was completed at Richardson College. This work involved reworking the planting beds and installing a row of starlite crabapple trees along Portage Avenue. Fresh planting soil was brought in, and the beds were filled with hardy native grasses and perennials including little bluestem, switchgrass, and coneflower, creating a greener space that supports pollinators. The result is a softer streetscape that showcases the University's commitment to sustainable campus design.



Converse

UWinnipeg's first full lifecycle waste initiative

In November 2024, the Sustainability Office and the Faculty of Business and Economics hosted the inaugural Pitch It! sustainability competition. Open to all UWinnipeg students, the event aimed to inspire innovative sustainability ideas to improve campus operations. Students competed in two categories: Sustainability Spark for creative ideas irrespective of feasibility and Green Impact for actionable projects within a \$5,000-\$25,000 budget range. The contest resulted in the funding of UWinnipeg's first full lifecycle waste initiative: the Bokashi Composting Project. Led by a team of four Master in Management students, this project repurposes existing compost into a liquid fertilizer, closing the sustainability loop by using the output to care for campus grounds.

Recent campus updates

Gender-neutral washrooms in Graham Hall

Two washrooms were converted into gender-neutral facilities that also include enhanced accessibility features. As part of this project, flooring and wall tiles were updated to create a modern, welcoming environment for all users.

Gender-neutral changeroom in the Duckworth Centre

The University and the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA) collaborated to create a new gender-neutral changeroom in the Duckworth Centre. This changeroom provides a private, inclusive space for non-binary, transgender, and other users who prefer not to use gendered changerooms.

Renovations to Manitoba Hall Boardroom and EG Hall

The Manitoba Hall Boardroom now features energy-efficient lighting, an updated washroom, high-quality furniture, and modern audio-visual systems. EG Hall has been transformed into a modern, multi-purpose space for learning and events, with upgraded electrical and lighting systems, versatile seating, and a refreshed aesthetic.

Classroom Flooring Replacement Project

The Classroom Flooring Replacement Project was successfully completed, enhancing a number of classrooms in Manitoba Hall. The project involved removing outdated carpeting and installing durable and eco-friendly marmoleum flooring, a long-lasting, low-maintenance material.

Furniture refresh on campus

Two furniture refresh projects were completed: 200 new classroom chairs and a set of accessible-height desks were installed to improve comfort and inclusivity in lecture spaces, while every chair in Bernice's Reading Room was re-upholstered to give the popular study area a fresh, inviting look.

McFeetors residence upgrades

McFeetors Hall received a comprehensive update this year, featuring energy-efficient lighting, fresh cabinetry upgrades, and brand-new mattresses—enhancing residents' comfort, safety, and the overall appeal of the space.



Year in review

April 2024 - March 2025





April 2024

- Dr. Jitendra Paliwal was appointed Vice-President, Research and Innovation.
- Travis Greene was appointed Associate Vice-President, Student Engagement.
- Dr. Farzad Zaerpour teamed up with two local medical foundations to study how AI can reduce crowding in hospital emergency departments.

June 2024

- Over 1,000 degrees were conferred across three ceremonies at the 124th Convocation celebration.
- Three alumni took the stage at TEDxWinnipeg to share condensed talks on air pollution, digital networking, and urban resources.
- Dr. Kawser Ahmed raised awareness about the Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh through his research at Global College and as a contributing editor of a new book.





May 2024

- Supporters and spectators filled Duckworth Centre for UWinnipeg's annual Graduation Pow Wow in celebration of the Indigenous Class of 2024.
- Emerging and established UWinnipeg Indigenous leaders were recognized at an expanded Honouring Indigenous Achievement awards ceremony.
- Dr. Marcella Siqueira Cassiano joined a national team of researchers to study the well-being of 911 operators and dispatchers.

July 2024

- Danielle Dunbar was appointed Vice-President, University Advancement.
- Chantal Fiola was appointed Associate
 Vice-President, Indigenous Engagement.
- The Wesmen announced Dr. Cara Isaak as the new Director of Athletics.





August 2024

- UWinnipeg hosted a theoretical physics symposium that attracted distinguished guest lecturers from as far away as Ireland.
- > The Pathway to Graduate Studies program received a threeyear funding commitment from the Government of Canada.
- Hiromi Goto, an award-winning Japanese-Canadian writer, editor, and teacher, was announced as the Jake MacDonald Writer-in-Residence.

October 2024

- At an international conference in Mexico, Dr. Craig Willis and the UWinnipeg Bat Lab were honoured for contributions to bat biology.
- Gallery 1C03 organized the campus's first-ever vendor market for Indigenous artists and makers.
- Dr. Niigaan Sinclair, katherena vermette, and Sheila North headlined the second annual Blaikie Knowles Woodsworth Lecture.





September 2024

- UWinnipeg welcomed Sheila North as Executive Director, Indigenous Engagement.
- UWinnipeg hired eight new Indigenous faculty members as part of an ongoing effort to advance Reconciliation.
- Homecoming brought hundreds of alumni to campus for a week of special events.

November 2024

- Dr. Nora Casson's Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Environmental Influences on Water Quality was renewed for an additional \$500,000 over five years.
- The UWinnipeg Foundation's sold-out Duff Roblin Award Dinner raised more than \$155,000 in support of UWinnipeg students on their post-secondary journey.
- Bruce Miller was appointed Chair of UWinnipeg's Board of Regents.

Year in review

April 2024 - March 2025





December 2024

- Basketball fans descended on the Duckworth Centre for the 57th Wesmen Classic, a Winnipeg holiday season tradition.
- The American Society of Criminology recognized
 Dr. Kevin Walby for nearly 20 years of work in solidarity with criminalized people.
- Canada's Governor General Mary Simon hosted a history symposium on campus.



- Chimwemwe Undi, Canada's 11th Parliamentary Poet Laureate, visited campus for a reading.
- Dr. Qian Liu researched how AI deep learning could help solve chemical and biological challenges in health care.
- Alum Shawna Forester Smith received a King Charles III Coronation Medal for her health-care advocacy.





January 2025

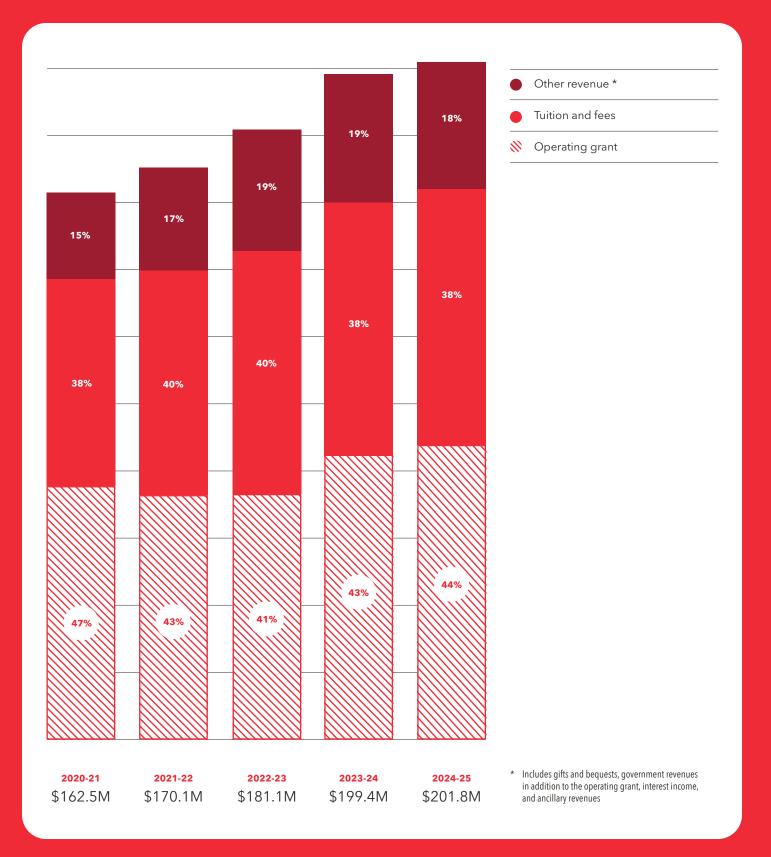
- Two students in the Master's in Development Practice program, Jackie Dormer and Leslie Kirkness, received \$27,000 national scholarships.
- The Department of Theatre and Film staged Forward, a poetic and humorous history of our relationship to the environment.
- Dr. Yaser Al Mtawa and Dr. Victor Balogun partnered with community organizations to research how a wearable device can improve health during pregnancy.

March 2025

- > UWinnipeg celebrated the launch of its first-ever doctoral program, the PhD in Bioscience and Policy.
- UWinnipeg's eight new Indigenous faculty members were welcomed with a special feast.
- > The Wesmen men's volleyball team clinched its first Canada West championship in front of a sold-out hometown crowd.
- $\,\,$ Dr. Tracy Whalen was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

Revenue by source

2024-2025 fiscal year







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