

SCIENCE UNION 2021

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ABOUT THE SCIENCE UNION



Going in to 2021, we aim to use our expansive presence on campus and online, to continue to improve student life for our members and all Science students. However, for this, we require sponsorship.

The UWA Science Union is the second oldest and one of the most highly regarded Faculty Societies at the University of Western Australia, with over 5,000 members, and run completely by the hard work of student volunteers.

At Science Union we work tirelessly to improve student life across our four portfolios: Education, Social, Externals and Welfare. We achieve this by diverse events and initiatives throughout the year. Using our social media to inform people, such as our Facebook with an outreach of over 5,000 people, our fortnightly bulletin and our Biannual newsletter; all of which are opportunities for exposure and engagement.

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ABOUT THE EDUCATION PORTFOLIO

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The Education portfolio aims to give students a quality education and improve research and technical skills by presenting a variety of study nights, workshops and informative events throughout each semester.

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- Natasha Main - Education Vice President

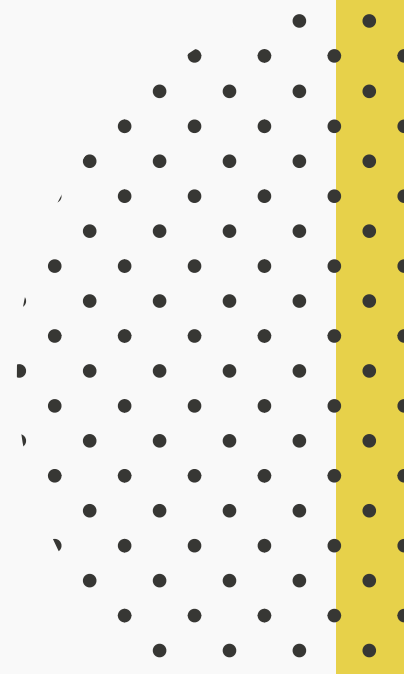
Our education portfolio works with the Faculty of Science and UWA Guild Education Council, along with several other boards at the University, to provide workshops and events that help students achieve their academic best.

Study nights

Our study nights are crucial to not only our mission to help students on their academic journey throughout their time at UWA, but also engaging with first-year students, by helping them find their feet in the new study structure associated with University. These study nights are run in collaboration with our associated science clubs, including the Zoology Club, The University Physics Club, Physical Education Students Association, Chemistry and Biology Club, and Psychology society; meaning that these nights have a broad outreach and outstanding engagement with students across campus. Moreover, the endorsement of these events by the Education Council of the UWA Guild, ensures they are run to the highest standard, with industry level tutors and professionals.

National Science Week

Another annual collaboration with the UWA Guild, National science weeks sees Science Union run events throughout the week, for participation from all students. A weeklong effort, the Education portfolio runs interactive experiments, study and research workshops, and fun science games; National Science week is a keystone in our calendar in terms of engaging with new students and University staff. Our STEM workshops working with high school students have improved our accessibility and visibility to these potential new members, while also offering them insight into university life and educational advice.



ABOUT THE EXTERNALS AND INDUSTRY PORTFOLIO

“The Externals and Industries portfolio aims to upskill students in the job application process as well as create a connection between industry and university through the next step, careers, and networking events. Each and every student should feel confident and happy about their future in science.”

- Jacqueline Harding - Externals and Industry Vice-President



Careers workshops

In order to better prepare students for life and a career beyond university, the externals portfolio run careers nights with guest speakers from a range of fields, to give students insight into the process of entering different scientific pathways. Each event focuses on a specific career path, with a guest speaker from their area of study, to give students insight into that career pathway, and better prepare them for a future in the STEM workforce.

Networking Evening

Our yearly Networking evening gives students the opportunity to hear from and talk to a range of industry professionals, and begin to build relationships that will help lead to future career prospects. The event connects UWA students with representatives from a range of companies and industries to diversify their future job prospects and professional network.

ABOUT THE WELFARE PORTFOLIO

“ We are here for the students and our goal as a club is to improve the student experience. The welfare portfolio contributes to mental & physical health workshops, volunteering opportunities, and multiple fundraising events, giving students the opportunity to improve their own situation and to give back to the community.” - Caitlyn Calderback - Welfare Vice-President

Safe-Talk

Running for its second year in 2020, the Safetalk program is a suicide prevention course that gives attendees the life-saving skills needed to assist in getting a person struggling in a major mental health crisis, the professional help they need. Science Union is extremely proud of our work to improve the mental health on the UWA campus and will continue to run Safetalk and other workshops similar to it to continue our mission of improving mental health among young people.

Relaxation workshops

On that same mission, we run workshops to offer students a break from their strenuous University schedule. We regularly run fun, creative and stress-free events including terrarium building, tote bag customising, and tie-dye workshops. These events run on campus and give students the opportunity to make friends and engage with many other students from across campus.

2020 brought its own challenges to the life of students, with online classes and isolation, bringing with it new stresses and challenges, and with that Science Union had to change how we brought those moments of fun to our members. We ran weekly online challenges for students, to maintain engagement with our members and offer them a break from the new and always changing university schedule.



Women in Science Brekafast

Our annual Women in Science breakfast aims to empower the young women of UWA to pursue a career in STEM; with powerful non-binary and female speakers coming to share their stories about their careers and struggles. This event helps Science Union on our mission of achieving Equity across campus; Science Union pride itself on our constant work towards equity for every student and helping to rid UWA of discrimination.

Interfaculty sport



'Interfac', as it affectionally called, is a weekly event bringing together students from all the different faculties on campus to compete in a different sport every week. It is where we don our iconic and much-loved sports shirts, which offer a special and highly visible sponsorship opportunity to an audience of non-members.

ABOUT THE SOCIAL PORTFOLIO

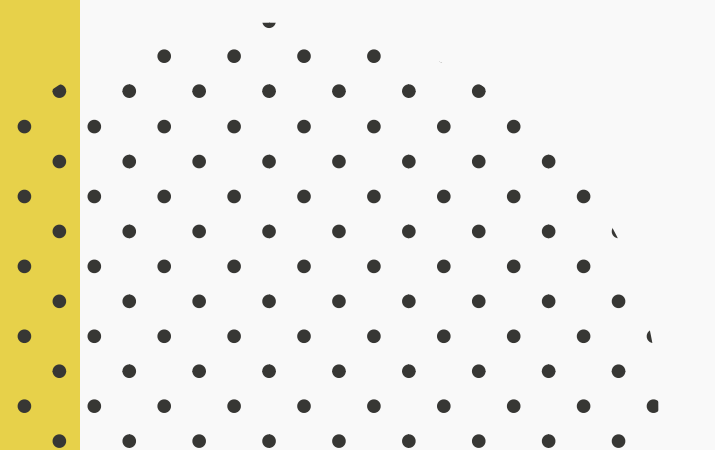
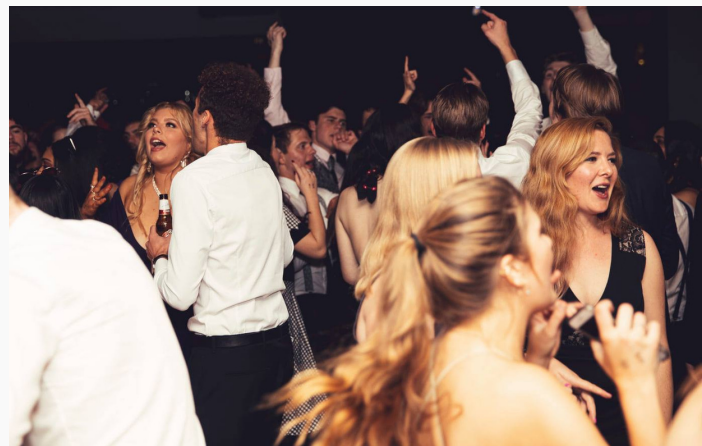
“ The Social portfolio works to engage students in a fun and social setting, giving them a break from the rigmarole of study and the chance to build new relationships ” -Thomas Toovey - Social Vice-president

Quiz nights and Pubcrawls

Our two annual quiz nights are some of our most well-received events throughout the year, allowing anyone on campus to put together a team of mates, or make up a team of new friends, and participate in a sold out night of trivia and games, in the hopes of taking home a win.

Pub-crawls are another biannual event on our calendar, the name really tells you what this event is all about. Two busses of students travel around Perth, for a night of song and dance, and a few responsible drinks.

These events are profitable and successful, thanks to the the help of our volunteers; our RSA spotters, first-aid team, sober marshals and event management team, who all work tirelessly to ensure our events are safe, accessible and responsible, so that every attendee goes home healthy, happy and safe.



Science Union Ball

The Science Union Ball is our biggest event across all our portfolios, with a blockbuster attendance every year, even this year, while complying with COVID-19 restrictions. This annual night of food, drinks, and dancing attracts more new students than any other event and leads to a string of new memberships before the end of the year.

This is our most formal event of the year, with high standards of dress and behavior, a night of fine food and drink, welcomed by our members.



The 2020 Science Union Committee

Sponsorship

Science Union, at its core, is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization that exists purely for improving the University life and experience of all science students at UWA; It's why we do what we do and why we work so hard. We rely on funds from our sponsors to run our events and initiatives and in return for their support, we offer a range of different sponsorship packages with the aim of increasing your audience and exposure.

We aim to build lasting, mutually beneficial relationships with our sponsors so we can continue to improve student life, while offering a unique marketing opportunity to those businesses that support us.