

SCEIWA Declares Bankruptcy

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The Software and Computer Engineering Institute of Western Australia has announced this semester will be its last. SCEIWA was opened in 1978 and gained a national reputation for technological research and education, however financial issues have plagued the Institute for years.

In 1989, SCEIWA gained international interest for its Australia-first Parallel Linked Neural Network deep learning project, and its many years as a leading partner of mining technology training and development. Despite striking gold in its early years, SCEIWA has had its share of scandals. In its latter years it was increasingly critiqued for its reliance on faculty seeking research grants and on chasing new enrolments, rather than focusing on the industry-ready education claimed among its values.

With only two weeks remaining in the semester, this is set to be an ugly closure as staff and students scramble to tie up loose ends. International students will be forced to find alternate arrangements or have their study visas terminated, and teaching staff made to abandon active research. What happens to the extensive campus grounds and to the stores of hardware and educational materials remains to be seen.