

Where does our money come from and what is it spent on?

Please find below details of the categories we use to describe the university's expenditure. The infographics on the webpage cover the 2017-18 academic year. The charts below show comparisons between the 2016-17 and 2017-18 academic years.

Expenditure

Academic departments

This covers costs incurred by academic departments including employing academics, departmental support staff and departmental operating costs. Costs directly related to funded research projects are not included in this category but rather are counted under research grants and contracts.

Student services support, recruitment and facilities

This relates to money spent on providing student support services including, for example, the grant to support the Students' Union, sports facilities, the careers service, health centre and bus service. Examples of recruitment costs are the running of applicant visit days and the employment of the student admissions team.

Bursaries and scholarships

This relates to money spent on fee waivers, scholarships and bursaries awarded to students across the university.

Residence and catering

This is expenditure incurred in providing the residence, catering and any conference operations, including the cost of maintenance of residential and catering premises, salaries and any other identifiable costs relating to these operations.

Premises

This is expenditure incurred (whether centrally or departmentally) on the management of premises. This includes academic buildings, central academic services, sports buildings, etc and on roads and grounds. Residences and catering are covered by the category above.

Academic services

This is expenditure incurred on centralised academic services such as the library, learning resource centres, central computers, etc.

Research grants and contracts

These are direct costs attributed to research grants and contracts.

Central administration and services

This is expenditure incurred on central administration, staff and student facilities and amenities. It also includes general operating expenditure on items like office supplies, hospitality, conferences and telephones.

Other

These are direct costs attributed to other services used by the university and any expenditure not already covered.

The chart below shows the university's expenditure for 2015-16 and 2016-17 for comparison purposes.

