University spending explained

What universities do

Educate graduates to meet UK and global demand for higher-level skills
Generate world-class research that transforms lives
Drive innovation that supports local and national economic growth

Increased student contributions to the costs of higher education have led to a greater interest in university spending.

This visualisation shows how universities in England spend their money, and how this ensures students have the best possible experience during their time at university.
HOW UNIVERSITIES ARE FUNDED

TOTAL INCOME £27.7 billion

- Undergraduate Tuition Fees: 27%
- Fees from Non-EU Students: 13%
- Research (Other): 8%
- Research (Other Tuition Fees): 7%
- Other Student Tuition Fees: 8%
- Other Income: 20%
- Government Grants for Research: 15%
- Government Grants for Teaching: 8%
- Other Government Grants: 25%

TOTAL: 100%
WHAT DO UNIVERSITIES SPEND THEIR INCOME ON?

In 2014–15 universities spent £26 BILLION

- **TEACHING & RESEARCH**: 55.7% (£14.42 billion)
- **MAINTAINING CAMPUSES**: 11.7% (£3.04 billion)
- **ACCOMMODATION & CONFERENCES**: 5.2% (£1.34 billion)
- **LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS & IT**: 8.7% (£2.26 billion)
- **FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO STUDENTS AND OUTREACH**: 4% (£1.04 billion)
- **RUNNING THE UNIVERSITY**: 8% (£2.08 billion)
- **OTHER EXPENDITURE**: 3.3% (£840 million)

**Student & Staff Facilities**: £871 million
Universities spend 56% of their income on teaching and research in academic departments.

**TEACHING & RESEARCH**
£14.42 billion

**ACADEMIC STAFF**
£7.7 billion
- Teaching & research: 49%
- Teaching only: 26%
- Research only: 24%
- Neither teaching nor research: 1%
- Total: 165,180

**RUNNING ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS**
£4.2 billion

**SUPPORT STAFF**
£2.2 billion
In 2014–15 universities spent £630 million on 390 libraries.

At 94 of 130 universities, libraries are accessible to students for 24 hours a day for some or all of the year.

Universities invest heavily in e-resources, accounting for 73% of all spending on information materials.

Students increasingly use e-books, 1.53 each on average in 2014–15.

In 2014–15 universities spent £150.6 million on outreach work with schools and communities.

Universities offer support to those students most in need of financial help, spending £833.8 million on bursaries and scholarships for students in 2014–15.

Over 283,000 students in England live in accommodation owned and run by their university.

University accommodation offices help students find a place to live and offer advice on everything from budgeting to problems with a private landlord.
To see the full visualisation visit www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/university-spending-explained

For more information about how universities manage their finances visit www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/university-funding-explained