

**Commission of Inquiry into Higher Education and
Training**

Student Funding

24 November 2016



Sources of Student Funding over the past 5 years

	2016		2015		2014		2013		2012	
	# of students	%	# of students	%	# of students	%	# of students	%	# of students	%
NSFAS	11 956	24%	10 556	21%	10 145	19%	10 686	21%	11 320	22%
Internal Bursaries	8 309	17%	9 223	18%	12 403	23%	8 663	17%	12 289	24%
External Bursaries	11 124	22%	9 272	18%	11 563	22%	10 882	21%	12 868	25%
Self Funded	18 710	37%	22 375	44%	19 247	36%	20 769	41%	14 950	29%
Total	50 099		51 426		53 358		51 000		51 427	

NSFAS

% of students funded

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	24%	21%	19%	21%	22%

	2016		2015		2014		2013	
# of Applications	17 414		23 376		24 594		22 509	
# of Qualifying Students	12 555		13 953		14 493		14 207	
# of Funded Students	11 956	95%	10 556	76%	10 145	70%	10 686	75%
# of Unfunded Students	599	5%	3 397	24%	4 348	30%	3 521	25%

- Stricter qualifying criteria

Criteria	NSFAS	UJ
Academic criteria	Complete qualification in N+2	Strictly 60% to 70% subject pass rate
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	Less than R120 000	Less than R1

- Includes UJ Top Up (R25m/R46m/R40m)

INTERNAL BURSARIES

Funded from the university's operating budget and UJ Trust made up of the following:

- **SRC Trust Fund**

This previously funded the full fees for a smaller number of students. In 2016 this fund was used to settle the First Minimum Payment for 3 878 students. External funds were raised by the university to settle the full fees for 2 782 of these students

- **Academic Merit**

Awards made to recognize high performing undergraduate as well as attract postgraduate students and promote research studies. Covers a portion of or all tuition fees

- **Sports Achievement**

Awards made to students based on sport achievement and academic performance

- **Financial Need**

Awards made to students based on financial need and academic performance

- **Staff Concessions**

Tuition fees for staff members, spouses and children of staff members

Total Spend

2016 – R156m

2015 – R159m

2014 – R143m

2013 – R108m

NB – This is not sustainable



EXTERNAL BURSARIES

Source:

- Corporates
- National Research Foundation
- SETAs and other Public Entities
- Provincial Government and Municipalities
- Individuals and Trusts

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22%	18%	22%	21%	25%

THANK YOU

