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2018 SSAF Report



2018 Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Report

What is SSAF?

In October 2011, the Government passed legislation (Guidelines) allowing universities to charge a student services and amenities fee from January 2012.

The Student Services and Amenities Fee legislation sets out the categories of services that the collected fees can be spent on, as follows:

1. providing food or drink to students on a campus of the higher education provider;
2. supporting a sporting or other recreational activity by students;
3. supporting the administration of a club, most of whose members are students;
4. caring for children of students;
5. providing legal services to students;
6. promoting the health or welfare of students;
7. helping students secure accommodation;
8. helping students obtain employment or advice on careers;
9. helping students with their financial affairs;
10. helping students obtain insurance against personal accidents;
11. supporting debating by students;
12. providing libraries and reading rooms (other than those provided for academic purposes) for students;
13. supporting an artistic activity by students;
14. supporting the production and dissemination to students of media whose content is provided by students;
15. helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled;
16. advising on matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described);
17. advocating students' interests in matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described);
18. giving students information to help them in their orientation;
19. helping meet the specific needs of overseas students relating to their welfare, accommodation and employment.

The funding must not be spent on supporting a political party or the election of a person as a member of a political party at any level of government.

How much SSAF was collected in 2018?

In 2018, JCU students paid a Student Services and Amenities Fee amount of \$44.70, for each 3 credit points, up to a maximum amount of \$298 in one calendar year.

The estimated JCU SSAF Allocation in 2018 was \$3,782,293.



How was SSAF spent in 2018?

A summary of the 2018 actual expenditure against the approved [2018 SSAF Expenditure](#) is provided in the following table:

Service category	Project	SSAF 2018 Allocation	SSAF 2018 Actual
Student spaces, including informal study spaces and social spaces.	Creating new and improving existing student spaces. - Cns: Boatshed Precinct outdoor peer space (Bldg A23) – ongoing 2019 - Tsv: Veterinary Precinct indoor peer space (Bldg 97) - complete - Tsv: Medical Precinct outdoor peer space (Bldgs 39-42) – ongoing 2019 *Unspent SSAF approved to carry forward for completion of projects in 2019	\$925,000	\$7,450 \$250,000 \$60,000
	JCUSA Capital Allocation	\$2,500	\$1,675
Food and beverage services on campus	¹ JCUSA Free Breakfasts – Cairns and Townsville	\$9,896	\$6,929
Helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled.	² Academic Learning Advisors	\$238,260	\$134,354
	Townsville and Cairns Library Rovers	\$72,067	\$61,689
Services promoting the health and welfare of students; Career counselling and student employment services; Provision of personal counselling services; and Advisory Mechanisms, Assistance to find suitable accommodation, Assisting students to obtain personal and accident insurance services.	Student Welfare Officer	\$108,006	\$107,933
	JCU Health	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Student Life Team	\$299,407	\$241,620
	Career Development Learning Officer	\$137,422	\$134,860

¹ Approved as an additional allocation from unspent SSAF in 2017.

² Significant underspend as funding provided from another source. Unspent SSAF allocation will carry over into 2019.

	Building Cohort Support for HDR Candidates	\$70,000	\$48,364
	² Indigenous Education and Research Centre Student Support Programs	\$104,800	\$59,200
Supporting other recreational activities on campus via clubs and societies.	Support for JCU student clubs, societies, and associations, administered by the JCUSA	\$113,021	\$104,867
Improving sports facilities on-campus.	Subsidies for sporting teams, administered by the JCUSA	\$124,250	\$119,072
Supporting student artistic and creative activities such as drama, musicals, and exhibition spaces.	JCUSA Sport and Recreation Staff	\$316,526	\$316,913
Supporting debating by students	Sporting Field Maintenance	\$207,500	\$207,500
	JCUSA – Sporting Infrastructure	\$2,000	0
	International Student Support – Free Lunch Friday	\$6,600	\$5,166
	¹ Gunyarra Cup - JCUSA	\$6,000	\$5,970
	¹ 2017 Nets - JCUSA	\$750	\$748
	¹ 2017 Sports Jerseys - JCUSA	\$4,374	\$3,654
	¹ 2017 Computer Sport and Rec - JCUSA	\$2,000	\$1,720
Provision of information and support to students experiencing financial difficulties	Support for students experiencing financial difficulties has increased significantly in recent years through the establishment of the Student Access Fund Program. Support is also provided through JCU’s student loans service and the JCU Student Association Crisis Loans service	Nil	
Support for student media	JCUSA Student Media and Communication Service	\$98,649	\$102,322

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Improving advice about university rules and procedures			
Orientation information and activities	Orientation Week activities <i>Note: \$61K of this amount is held for JCUSA coordinated O Week activities.</i>	\$173,285	\$145,111
	International Higher Degree by Research Arrival Ambassador Program <i>Note: unspent funds from 2017 SSAF Allocation used to fund this program in 2018.</i>	\$0	\$6,280
Providing or improving student advocacy services; Supporting the administration of a club most of whose members are students	Student Advocacy Service (2 Student Advocates in Townsville, 1 in Cairns)	\$294,439	\$292,896
	Student Advocate - JCUB	\$33,474	\$33,474
	Student Representation	\$143,365	\$121,547
	Elections - JCUSA	\$3,000	\$3,000
	General Manager – JCUSA	\$102,250	\$106,914
Mackay, Mt Isa, Thursday Island and distance education students (Helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled).	Study Skills Bootcamps in Mackay, Mt Isa, and Thursday Island	\$32,480	\$9,197
	Off Campus Library Borrowing Service <i>Note: Mackay, Mt Isa, Thursday Island and distance education students will benefit from many but not all of the spending priorities described above, such as: study skills support; student advocacy; student welfare officers; and online orientation.</i>	\$3,866	\$3,813
On-campus child care services	This service did not rate highly in the survey responses and no SSA Fee funding is proposed in 2018.	Nil	
Provision of legal services to students	This service did not rate highly in the survey responses and no SSA Fee funding is proposed in 2018.	Nil	

FURTHER INFORMATION

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