

## Approved Expenditure Plan for SSA Fee Income in 2015

In 2015 James Cook University approved funding of the following projects by the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSA Fee). The projects provide additional and improved services for JCU students. Projects were selected after consultation with students and student representatives. The University will provide a report on actual SSA Fee expenditure against each of these projects following finalisation of year-end acquittal processed.

Service category	Project	2015 Allocation of SSA Fee Income
Student spaces, including informal study spaces and social spaces.	Creating new and improving existing student spaces. 5 year project plan (2012 – 2016): Building 4 Humanities – Indoor student spaces Building 34 EES – Outdoor student spaces Building 25 Nursing Sciences – Outdoor student spaces Cairns Library – Indoor student spaces  JCUSA Capital Allocation	\$1,028,000          \$25,000
Improving the delivery of food and beverage services on campus	Outdoor student amenities/kitchenette	\$12,000
Helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled.	Learning Advisor positions (2) to: assist students to improve their study skills; improve access to study skills support for off-campus students; support ESL students. Learning Advisor position (1 x .5) to assist HDR students.  Townsville and Cairns Library Rovers	\$241,904    \$57,000   \$93,222
Services promoting the health and welfare of students; Career counselling and student employment services; Provision of personal counselling services; and Advisory Mechanisms.	Student Welfare Officer position (1). These officers support students with complex needs, and assist them to identify and access appropriate support services.	\$47,229

	JCUHealth (Townsville) to allow for bulk billing GP services for students.	\$100,000
	Mediation service – student conflict resolution.	\$10,000
	Student Life Team (x3)	\$266,115
	1 x Career Counsellor	\$113,633
	1 x Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Mentor	\$17,500
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Success Program	\$31,000
	Intellectual Climate Project (HDR Students)	\$60,000
	Provision of administrative assistance to HDR students on Cairn’s Campus	\$10,000
Supporting other recreational activities on campus via clubs and societies. Improving sports facilities on-campus. Supporting student artistic and creative activities such as drama, musicals, exhibition spaces.	Support for JCU student clubs, societies, and associations, administered by the JCUSA.	\$90,000
	Subsidies for sporting teams, administered by the JCUSA.	\$109,500
	Funding for the JCUSA Sport and Recreation staff - Manager; Sport and Recreation Officer (Townsville); Sport and Recreation Officer (Cairns).	\$283,720
	Sporting field maintenance.	\$186,000
	Sporting infrastructure.	\$150,000
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, which	Nil

	in 2015 will provide more than \$500,000 of scholarships, bursaries and grants to JCU students experiencing financial difficulties. Support is also provided through JCU's student loans service and the JCU Student Association Crisis Loans service. It is therefore not proposed to spend SSA Fee income for this purpose during 2015-2016.	
Improving advice about university rules and procedures	Improving information and advice about university rules and procedures and working towards ensuring that information is accessible for distance students.	\$81,334
Support for student media	JCUSA Student Media and Communication Service.	\$95,501
Orientation information and activities	Orientation Week activities.	\$161,000
Providing or improving student advocacy services	Student Advocacy Service (2 Student Advocates in Townsville, 1 in Cairns, and the JCUSA Director, Student Services). The JCUSA Student Advocacy Service provides an independent advocacy service to students in matters such as: assessment results and subject grades; addressing allegations of misconduct; appealing academic suspension or exclusion for unsatisfactory academic progress; problems with professional and clinical placements; complaint resolution; applications for special consideration and supplementary and deferred examinations; advanced standing; leave of absence; student appeals.	\$383,300
	SSA Fee income will be used to support student representation, through the JCUSA elected student representatives and the JCUSA Council.	\$189,667
On-campus child care services	This service did not rate highly in the survey responses and no SSA Fee funding is proposed in 2015.	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 2015.	Nil
Assisting students to find suitable accommodation	This service did not rate highly in the survey responses and no SSA Fee funding is proposed in 2015.	Nil
Assisting students to obtain personal and accident insurance services	This service did not rate highly in the survey responses and no SSA Fee funding is proposed in 2015.	Nil

<p>Mackay, Mt Isa, Thursday Island and distance education students</p>	<p>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; online orientation; crisis loans. An amount has been allocated to provide services specifically for Mackay, Mt Isa, Thursday Island and distance education students and further consultation will be held with these students regarding their service priorities.</p> <p>Study Centres in Mackay, Mt Isa, and Thursday Island</p>	<p>\$15,206</p>
<p>Research students</p>	<p>Research students benefit from many but not all of the spending priorities described above. An amount has been allocated to provide services specifically for research students and further consultation will be held with research students regarding their service priorities.</p>	<p>\$127,000 (please note that this amount is distributed amongst the categories above)</p>