

2015 Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Report

1. 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.

2. How much SSAF was collected in 2015?

In 2015, JCU students paid a Student Services and Amenities Fee amount of \$42.15 for each 3 credit point subject (0.125 EFTSL), up to a maximum amount of \$286. Australian students and students holding permanent humanitarian visas are eligible to defer the fee through the new SA-HELP scheme.

Total SSAF collected in 2015 was \$3,895,342.

3. How was SSAF spent in 2015?

A summary of the 2015 actual expenditure against the approved [2015 Expenditure Plan](#) is provided in the following table:

Service category	Project	2015 Allocation	2015 Actual
Student spaces, including informal study spaces and social spaces.	Creating new and improving existing student spaces. 5 year project plan (2012 – 2016): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building 4 Humanities – Indoor student spaces (completed) - Building 34 EES – Outdoor student spaces (completed) - Building 25 Nursing Sciences – Outdoor student spaces (2016) - Cairns Library – Indoor student spaces (2016) 	\$1,028,000	\$1,028,000
	JCUSA Capital Allocation	\$25,000	Nil
Improving the delivery of food and beverage services on campus	Outdoor student amenities/kitchenette at Mabo Library	\$12,000	\$12,000
Helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled.	2 x Learning Advisor	\$241,904	\$237,654
	1 x 0.5 Learning Advisor position to assist HDR students	\$57,000	\$32,055
	Townsville and Cairns Library Rovers	\$93,222	\$58,008
Services promoting the health and welfare of students; Career counselling and student employment services; Provision of personal counselling services; and Advisory Mechanisms.	0.5 x Student Welfare Officer	\$47,229	\$55,034
	JCU Health (Townsville) to allow for bulk billing GP services for students	\$100,000	\$100,000
	Mediation service – student conflict resolution	\$10,000	\$9,965
	Student Life Team (2.8 FTE)	\$266,115	\$269,162
	1 x Career Counsellor	\$113,633	\$43,674
	1 x Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Mentor	\$17,500	\$14,524
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Success Program (<i>*Due to Change Process this allocation will carry forward into 2016</i>).	\$31,000	\$10,014
Supporting other recreational activities on campus via clubs and societies; and Improving sports facilities on-campus.	Intellectual Climate Project (HDR Students)	\$60,000	\$33,489
	Provision of administrative assistance to HDR students on Cairns Campus	\$10,000	\$4,941
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	\$90,000
	Subsidies for sporting teams, administered by the JCUSA	\$109,500	\$104,863
	Funding for the JCUSA Sport and Recreation staff - Manager; Sport and Recreation Officer (Townsville); Sport and Recreation Officer (Cairns)	\$283,720	\$253,966
	Sporting field maintenance	\$186,000	\$186,000

	Sporting infrastructure	\$150,000	\$150,000
Improving advice about university rules and procedures; and	Improving information and advice about university rules and procedures and working towards ensuring that information is accessible for distance students. (<i>*Due to delay in recruitment process – this allocation will carry forward into 2016</i>)	\$81,334	\$9,772
Support for student media	JCUSA Student Media and Communication Service.	\$95,501	\$80,546
Orientation information and activities	Orientation Week activities. (<i>Please note that \$61K of this amount is held for JCUSA coordinated O Week activities</i>)	\$161,000	\$194,868
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	\$317,028
	SSA Fee income will be used to support student representation, through the JCUSA elected student representatives and the JCUSA Council.	\$189,667	\$180,992
Mackay, Mt Isa, Thursday Island and distance education students	Study Centres in Mackay, Mt Isa, and Thursday Island	\$15,206	Nil
TOTAL		\$3,857,831	\$3,476,555