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HEFCW grant for higher education for academic year 2010/11

Higher education (HE) in Wales will receive grant allocations of £403 million in the 2010/11 academic year.

This *excludes* capital allocations of £22.6 million for the 2010-11 financial year, which have already been announced as part of a three-year funding package to support universities' Capital Investment Plans. £7 million of this was brought forward into the 2008-09 and 2009-10 financial years to encourage universities to carry out new building projects and maintenance work to support the local construction industry. Conversely, capital allocations, including sums 'brought forward', were *included* in the grant allocations of £433.8 million announced for the previous (2009/10) academic year.

20% of our grant allocations will be set aside for the new Strategic Implementation Fund, which includes streams to support *For our Future*, the Welsh Assembly Government's twenty-first century strategy and plan for HE. The fund will grow over the coming years and will reinforce the role of HE institutions in promoting social justice and maintaining a buoyant economy.

The grant allocations reflect the Welsh Assembly Government's budget proposals for higher education for the 2010-11 financial year which, excluding ring-fenced items such as funding for reconfiguration and collaboration, kept mainstream higher education funding at the same cash level as the 2009-10 financial year.

Summary of 2010/11 grant allocations - Higher education

Institution	Total	Total with initial teacher training (QTS) funding shown against <i>delivering</i> institution*	% change total funding 2009/10 to 2010/11 with ITT funding included in <i>delivering</i> institution
University of Glamorgan	52,334,456	52,334,456	-1.85%
Aberystwyth University*	31,800,634	32,499,632	-2.22%
Bangor University*	32,062,905	31,363,907	-2.42%
Cardiff University	110,376,786	110,376,786	-1.74%
University of Wales, Lampeter	5,847,828	5,847,828	0.32%
Swansea University	41,274,095	41,274,095	-1.93%
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff*	28,649,280	26,921,323	-2.12%
University of Wales, Newport*	17,496,626	19,224,583	-2.27%
Glyndŵr University	15,064,963	15,064,963	-3.40%
Swansea Metropolitan University*	12,444,400	14,917,687	-2.44%
Trinity University College*	8,170,889	5,697,602	-0.80%
Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies	354,713	354,713	-2.37%
Total	355,877,574		

*The University of Wales Institute, Cardiff, Trinity University College and Bangor University are lead funding partners for the new Centres for initial teacher training (ITT). Their total allocations include funding for ITT (QTS) that is delivered at their respective partner institutions: the University of Wales, Newport, Swansea Metropolitan University, and Aberystwyth University.

Therefore, when making year-on-year funding comparisons, the final two columns in the table show the funding allocations and percentage change for all these universities on the basis of delivering (and funding) ITT courses at all partner institutions, not just the lead funding partners.

Following its item on HEFCW funding in its 25 March edition, the Times Higher Education published a clarification the following week that the totals it had reported did not include funding for initial teacher training awarded to six institutions.

Roger Thomas, Chairman of HEFCW, said: “Universities give far more back to the economy of Wales than the levels of public investment they receive, including through substantial inward investment in the form of overseas students. Through helping to develop a highly skilled workforce, and producing and applying knowledge, institutions show awareness of the important responsibilities that come with public funding to help Wales thrive.”

Professor Philip Gummatt, Chief Executive of HEFCW, said: “In a tight financial environment, we are pleased to see continued substantial public investment in higher education. There are evident challenges for higher education in this climate, and we look to institutions to maximise efficiency of the use of funding, both individually and collectively. As we develop our new Strategic Implementation Fund, we will continue to sharpen priorities for future funding allocations to ensure the best possible returns from this substantial investment of public funds.”

The 2010/11 grant includes £4 million redirected to support the HEFCW and Welsh Assembly Government priority areas of research and widening access, and a protected Welsh medium premium. £28.9 million will support reconfiguration and collaboration, *Reaching Wider*, One Wales funding and reconfiguring initial teacher training.

Directly funded higher education in further education colleges

Institution	Total
Bridgend College	72,987
Coleg Sir Gâr	1,111,652
Coleg Llandrillo Cymru	1,288,389
Neath Port Talbot College	124,867
Swansea College	24,551
Total	2,622,446

➡ Full press release

➡ Recurrent grant (funding) circular for 2010/11

➡ The *Outcomes of Consultation on Changes to Funding Arrangements* circular presents the outcomes of our recent consultation on future changes to funding arrangements, and which changes will be implemented and when.

Remit letter 2010-11 from the Welsh Assembly Government

We received our remit letter for the 2010-11 financial year on 11 March from the Welsh Assembly Government Education Minister, Leighton Andrews. The letter sets out priorities for HEFCW to carry out over the coming year. The guidance is in keeping with the Welsh Assembly Government's strategy and plan for twenty-first century higher education in Wales, *For our Future*, which was published in November 2009.

➡ Remit letter

New appointments to HEFCW Council and other appointments

Education Minister Leighton Andrews has welcomed the appointment of four new members to HEFCW's Council, and the reappointment of one existing member.

The newly appointed members are: Mrs Bethan Guilfoyle CBE, Mr James Bennett, Mr David Mason and Miss Nina Park. Professor Mari Lloyd-Williams has been reappointed for a second term.

➡ Biographies

Leighton Andrews said: "I am delighted to announce the appointment of the Council members who bring with them substantial experience and knowledge. They join the Council at a challenging time for the higher education sector as they seek to implement the *For Our Future* strategy. I look forward to working with them closely during the years ahead."

The First Minister said: "Higher education is key to the future of the Welsh economy and society, through its training of skilled people and research, and economic, social and environmental contribution. I am delighted that we have been able to attract such high calibre members to the Council and I look forward to working with them in their new roles."

➡ Press release

Other appointments

- The four UK higher education funding bodies have appointed Professor Alan Speight, Swansea University, as a director to the board of the Quality Assurance Agency for higher education. Professor Colin Baker from Bangor University held this role previously.

- HEFCW has extended the term of office of Martyn Harrow of Cardiff University as a director to the JISC board until 2012. JISC inspires UK colleges and universities in the innovative use of digital technologies, helping to maintain the UK's position as a global leader in education.
- After consulting the sector for nominations, we have nominated Alec McSkimming from Cardiff University as the HEFCW appointment to the JANET (UK) Board of management. Huw Williams of the University of Glamorgan is the outgoing HEFCW appointee, who was in this role for six years.

We would like to thank all outgoing and continuing appointees for their contributions, and we are grateful to appointees for taking on their roles.

First appointment in development of Coleg Ffederal

Geraint Talfan Davies has been confirmed as Chairman of the Implementation Board for the Coleg Ffederal, which will oversee the legal development of the Welsh medium higher education federal college over the coming year.

HEFCW was asked to set up the Implementation Board to put in place the arrangements for the Welsh Medium Coleg Ffederal - which will maintain, develop and oversee Welsh medium higher education provision in Wales – through the Welsh Assembly Government's 21st century higher education strategy and plan, *For our Future*.

This followed the report to the Welsh Assembly Government by Professor Robin Williams in 2009 which proposed a model for the Coleg Ffederal.

The new Board will also develop arrangements for handling funding, the incorporation of the Centre for Welsh Medium Higher Education, and the management and staffing structure of the Coleg Ffederal and for appointing and handing over to the Coleg Ffederal's new National Council in 2011.

 Press release

Diverse student body in Welsh universities

The latest UK-wide figures about the make-up of the higher education sector show that universities and colleges in Wales continue to perform well in recruiting students from under-represented groups.

Wales has similar or higher proportions of students from most under-represented groups in higher education (HE) compared to the UK as a whole.

The annual performance indicators show Welsh HE's achievements in widening participation among groups which traditionally have had less experience of higher education, with particular successes in enrolling young full-time undergraduate entrants from state schools or colleges and low participation neighbourhoods, and full-time undergraduate students who received a disabled students' allowance.

➡ Press release

National Assembly for Wales Finance Committee

On 10 March 2010, HEFCW returned, with the Vice-Chancellors' representative body Higher Education Wales, to give evidence before the National Assembly for Wales's Finance Committee's Inquiry into the Funding of Post-16, Further and Higher Education.

HEFCW and the Committee discussed potential issues that could arise from a significant reduction in income for Wales's universities. As higher education in Wales receives, overall, some 38% of its funding through HEFCW, the Committee discussed universities' return on investment and the benefits of large-scale mergers and collaborations to the Welsh economy and research profile.

➡ Transcript of oral evidence

What is 'reconfiguration and collaboration'?

The Reconfiguration and Collaboration Fund (now known as 'Strategic Implementation Fund: Reconfiguration and Collaboration Funding') was launched in 2002 to support reshaping the higher education sector in Wales to achieve large performance gains and enhanced competitiveness. A number of partnerships have been funded so far, including the merger of Cardiff University and the University of Wales College of Medicine, the Low Carbon Research Institute, the Strategic Alliance between the University of Glamorgan and Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama; and the Wales Institute of Mathematical and Computational Sciences.

Launch of the Climate Change Consortium

The Welsh Assembly Government's Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Jane Davidson AM, launched the Climate Change Consortium for Wales (C3W) at an event held in Swansea on 25 March. The C3W development, supported by £4 million from the Strategic Implementation Fund: Reconfiguration and Collaboration, will bring together Aberystwyth, Bangor, Cardiff and Swansea Universities to:

- improve fundamental understanding of the causes, nature, timing and consequences of climate change on physical and societal systems, and thereby inform decision-making concerning a sustainable future; and
- undertake a 'strategic reconfiguration' of Welsh climate change research by increasing international competitiveness through enhanced collaboration, capacity building and co-ordinating substantial numbers of researchers.

The vision for C3W is that this will become one of the world's leading research centres for the study of climate change, past, present and future.

Governing a higher education institution in a downturn

A conference for higher education governors, organised by the Chairs of Higher Education in Wales (CHEW), the Leadership Foundation, Higher Education Wales and the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW), was held in Cardiff on 3 March. The Governor Development Conference addressed various topics including ensuring the financial health and sustainability of universities and the maintenance of university staff morale during tough times, and discussed the essential attributes of a 21st century university.

➡ Press statement

The Minister for Children, Education and Lifelong Learning, Leighton Andrews, gave the keynote speech at the event where he announced a review of higher education governance.

This is in addition to the review of education funding announced in January. The first stage, which is looking at the costs of administering education in Wales using information collected by the Welsh Assembly Government, is already underway.

➡ Minister's speech

➡ Review of higher education governance

Coming up

Over the coming months, we expect to:


- publish our action plan based on the recommendations of *For our Future*, the Welsh Assembly Government's 21st Century Higher Education Strategy and Plan for Wales.
- publish guidance on developing regional strategies for higher education in Wales, following the recent consultation.
- consult on the proposed establishment of a ceiling in full-time undergraduate student numbers from 2011/12.

Current vacancies

<p>Strategic Development Officer</p> <p>Fixed term until 31 December 2011, suitable for secondment.</p> <p>£21,000 - £23,059 Llanishen, Cardiff Closing Date: 29 April 2010 Interview Date: 11 May 2010 Vacancy Reference No: HE0096/606</p>	<p>Senior Funding Analyst</p> <p>Fixed term until 18 March 2011, suitable for secondment.</p> <p>£26,750 - £29,373 Llanishen, Cardiff Closing Date: 29 April 2010 Interview Date: 18 May 2010 Vacancy Reference No: HE0053/605</p>
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HEFCW warmly welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

Appointments will be made on merit.

 [More information](#)

Recent circulars

➡ W10/13HE: Widening Access to Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Gives information about widening access to higher education for refugees and asylum seekers, and examples of effective practice in providing refugee and asylum seeker support.

➡ W10/12HE: Research Excellence Framework: Consultation Outcomes

Provides information about the high-level outcomes of the consultation by the four UK HE funding bodies, and the next steps in implementing the Research Excellence Framework (REF).

➡ W10/11HE: Establishment of a ceiling in full-time undergraduate student numbers from 2011/12

Gives information about proposed discussions for establishing a ceiling on full-time undergraduate student numbers for 2011/12.

➡ W10/08HE: Developing the HEFCW Corporate Strategy 2010-11 to 2012-13

This circular invited views (by 19 April) about our draft Corporate Strategy 2010-11 to 2012-13.

➡ HEFCW draft Corporate Strategy 2010-11 – 2012-13

➡ W10/07HE: Provision of information for prospective students on cost of study

Guidelines on good practice in providing information on the cost of study to students and prospective students of higher education, aimed at senior management and staff involved in the marketing and admissions.
