

PGR Funding Method

Each year, HEFCW establishes the total funding to be made available for PGR, together with the standard unit of funding for each of three groups of related subjects (Academic Subject Categories – ASC).

Grants for individual HEIs are calculated by applying the standard unit of PGR funding for the relevant ASC to the previous year's qualifying PGR enrolments in that ASC. To be classed as a qualifying enrolment, a student must be:

- a home/EU student
- in a department which is in receipt of QR funding
- within prescribed time limits for study – three years for a full-time PhD, two years for a full-time MPhil, and the equivalent for part-time

Where the total allocations for the sector resulting from the operation of the formula exceed the funding available, a proportion of qualifying enrolments will not attract funding. Funding to institutions for PGR is provided to institutions in the form of a block grant.

The PGR standard units of funding for 2011/12 are shown below.

Standard Units of Funding 2011/12

Academic Subject Category Grouping		Unit of Funding £ per full-time student
1b, 1d	Clinical Medicine and Dentistry	8,444
3, 4, 6	Science; Engineering and Technology; Mathematical Sciences, IT and Computing	2,996
2, 5, 7-10, 11b	Other	1,517