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Learning and teaching strategy allocations for 2012/13

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Introduction

1. This circular provides information on the learning and teaching strategy allocations to higher education institutions for 2012/13 and confirms the date for return of Annual Monitoring Statements for 2011/12.

Background

2. In Circular [W10/41HE: Learning and Teaching and Widening Access Strategies 2011/12 to 2013/14: Initial Guidance](#) we invited Higher Education Institutions to submit strategies for learning and teaching and for widening access to cover the three years 2011/12 to 2013/14. We provided additional guidance in Circular [W11/17HE: Learning and Teaching and Widening Access Strategies 2011/12 to 2013/14: Supplementary Guidance](#).
3. Institutions are asked to report annually on progress against strategies. We provided information on institutional annual monitoring statements for 2011/12 in [Circular W12/21HE, Request for strategic planning information, forecasts and Annual Monitoring Statements 2012](#).
4. Some institutions have done joint Learning and Teaching and Widening Access strategies. We expect the outcomes for Learning and Teaching and for Widening Access to be reported separately, the deadline and processes will facilitate joint reporting.

Learning and Teaching Strategy allocations 2012/13

5. **Annex A** sets out institutional allocations for 2012/13. The total sum available for Learning and Teaching Strategies for 2012/13 is £1m. This represents an efficiency gain of 5.8% on the sum provided in 2011/12, with some rounding¹. As in 2011/12, no floors or ceilings have been applied to the allocations.
6. The funding is allocated to institutions pro rata to 2011/12 funded credits (with initial teacher training credits moved to the institutions which are providing the teaching).
7. Please note that, in the light of uncertainties regarding the level of the fee grant commitment, the figures given above and in **Annex A** are provisional, and are subject to change in-year. We will, of course, inform you of any changes as soon as possible.
8. In addition we have £150k available to support the enhancement of learning and teaching through technology. This includes addressing the requirements

¹ The 2011/12 allocations also included an additional £200k for enhancing learning and teaching through technology for that year only.

of our [2012-13 remit letter from the Welsh Government](#), and achieving the refreshed objectives and indicators of success identified in Circular [W11/32HE: Enhancing Learning and Teaching through Technology: refreshing the strategy](#).

9. We will provide information on the distribution of this funding in early 2012/13.

2011/12 Annual Monitoring Statement

10. HEFCW officers will distribute electronic templates containing individually agreed targets by 6 July 2012, as stated in [Circular W12/21HE, Request for strategic planning information, forecasts and Annual Monitoring Statements 2012](#).
11. The AMS form asks you to:
 - Report progress against measurable outcomes for 2011/12;
 - Complete a declaration of expenditure to confirm that the 2011/12 learning and teaching strategy allocation has been fully spent and used for the purposes for which it was provided. This should be signed by the head of the institution;
 - Provide measurable outcomes and expenditure plans for 2012/13 which will form the basis of next year's AMS. Expenditure for 2012/13, as in 2011/12, will include learning and teaching strategy funding and funding from other sources, such as fee income.
12. Please ensure that you have reported on the following areas within your measurable outcomes for 2011/12, taking account of any feedback we have given on your strategy submissions, and that you include measurable outcomes for these areas in 2012/13:
 - Addressing National Student Survey outcomes;
 - Enhancing Learning and Teaching through Technology;
 - Welsh medium developments, to include engagement with Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol;
 - Aligning with the regional agenda;
 - Staff development: to include engaging with the HE Academy and the Professional Standards Framework;
 - Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship;
 - Public information, including Key Information Sets and cost of study;
 - Engaging with the sector-wide quality enhancement theme: Graduates For our Future.
13. We expect to pay the first tranche of funding for 2012/13 in September 2012. We anticipate paying the second tranche in March 2013, subject to receipt of satisfactory AMS returns.

Further information

14. HEFCW officers will distribute electronic templates containing individually agreed targets by 6 July 2012, as noted in para 10. Please return the signed AMS for 2011/12 to HEFCW by **31 October 2012**, as set out in Circular W12/21HE.
15. For further information, contact Dr Cliona O'Neill (tel 029 2068 2283; email cliona.oneill@hefcw.ac.uk).

Annex A

Institution	First tranche September 2012	Second tranche March 2013	Total allocation
Aberystwyth University	47773	47772	95545
Bangor University	40177	40177	80354
Cardiff Metropolitan University	45770	45769	91539
Cardiff University	109075	109075	218150
Glyndŵr University	25093	25093	50186
Open University Wales	13875	13875	27750
Swansea Metropolitan University	27483	27482	54965
Swansea University	53844	53844	107688
University of Glamorgan	80524	80524	161048
University of Wales, Newport	34852	34852	69704
University of Wales, Trinity St David	21536	21535	43071