

## **Written Ministerial Statement on the Allocation of Science and Research Funding 2011/12 to 2014/15**

The Coalition government is publishing today the allocation of science and research funding for 2011/12 to 2014/15.

Our world class science and research base is inherently valuable, as well as critical to promoting economic growth. Despite enormous pressure on public spending, the £4.6bn per annum funding for science and research programmes has been protected in cash terms and ring fenced against future pressures during the spending review period. For the first time HE research funding in England has been included within this ring-fence, providing overall stability and certainty to the research base.

Allocations for resource are set out in table 1, below, and allocations for capital are in table 2.

This Government is committed to efficiency, prioritisation and reform. We shall delay capital investment to maximise investment in research projects and in people undertaking research. The Government intends to announce during 2011 the allocation of funding to a small number of further projects on the 2010 Large Facilities Roadmap

Savings from improved efficiency will be recycled directly within the ring-fence. The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) will reform its Quality-related (QR) funding for research with a greater focus on research excellence and reform Higher Education Innovation Funding with a greater focus on business interaction.

Collaboration is one of the key themes of these allocations. There will be significant collaboration among Research Councils, and among universities, tackling issues of national importance, often working with the TSB.

There will also be greater coherence among HEFCE and the Research Councils. For example HEFCE and the Research Councils will work together so that support and incentives to bring universities and business closer together are delivered coherently.

These allocations provide funding for the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences as well as STEM to pursue vital research. Outstanding researchers in all fields will be funded to pursue curiosity driven work and to define their own areas of scholarship. We are also putting the new UK Space Agency on a firm footing.

The allocation will allow Research Councils, HEFCE and the National Academies to maintain the flow of talented new researchers and maintain national capability. It will enable them to provide researchers with access to key large scale research infrastructure, both here and abroad. Funding bodies will concentrate on research centres of proven excellence, with the critical mass to address national challenges and compete internationally and the expertise to collaborate with business.

A copy of the allocation document has been placed in the libraries of both houses.

The grant letter sent by the Secretary of State to HEFCE today also includes details relevant to Science and Research funding. A copy of that letter has been placed in the libraries of both houses.

**Table 1 Resource**

	<b>Baseline 2010-11 £'000</b>	<b>2011-12 £'000</b>	<b>2012-13 £'000</b>	<b>2013-14 £'000</b>	<b>2014-15 £'000</b>	<b>TOTALS £'000</b>	<b>Final Year to Baseline</b>
<b>Research Councils</b>	<b>2,549,353</b>	<b>2,596,196</b>	<b>2,573,678</b>	<b>2,586,641</b>	<b>2,599,812</b>	<b>10,356,327</b>	<b>101.98%</b>
AHRC	100,717	99,881	98,370	98,370	98,370	394,993	97.67%
BBSRC	362,341	370,306	359,471	351,471	351,471	1,432,718	97.00%
ESRC	158,061	155,690	153,319	153,319	153,319	615,648	97.00%
EPSRC	771,289	759,720	748,150	748,150	748,150	3,004,171	97.00%
MRC	545,585	536,172	546,243	559,894	574,641	2,216,950	105.33%
NERC	298,071	298,600	297,129	300,129	289,129	1,184,987	97.00%
STFC - Core Programme	177,519	190,060	172,200	172,200	172,190	706,650	97.00%
STFC - Cross-Council facilities <sup>1</sup>	66,800	77,170	79,280	81,410	89,470	327,330	133.94%
STFC - International Subscriptions <sup>2</sup>	68,970	108,598	119,515	121,697	123,071	472,881	178.44%
<b>HEFCE</b>	<b>1,731,300</b>	<b>1,662,112</b>	<b>1,699,578</b>	<b>1,685,689</b>	<b>1,686,321</b>	<b>6,733,700</b>	<b>97.40%</b>
QR Research	1,618,300	1,549,112	1,586,578	1,572,689	1,573,321	6,281,700	97.22%
HEIF <sup>3</sup>	113,000	113,000	113,000	113,000	113,000	452,000	100.00%
<b>National Academies</b>	<b>87,832</b>	<b>87,465</b>	<b>86,547</b>	<b>86,547</b>	<b>86,547</b>	<b>347,106</b>	<b>98.54%</b>
Royal Society	48,558	47,830	47,101	47,101	47,101	189,133	97.00%
British Academy	26,448	27,001	27,005	27,005	27,005	108,015	102.10%
Royal Academy of Eng	12,826	12,634	12,441	12,441	12,441	49,957	97.00%
<b>Other Programmes</b>	<b>43,616</b>	<b>24,496</b>	<b>24,140</b>	<b>24,165</b>	<b>24,005</b>	<b>96,805</b>	<b>55.04%</b>
Science & Society	15,441	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	52,000	84.19%
International	5,104	5,095	4,740	4,765	4,605	19,205	90.22%
Foresight	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	11,200	100.00%
Evidence & Evaluation	20,271	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	14,400	46.32%
<b>UK Space Agency</b>	<b>163,805</b>	<b>205,637</b>	<b>191,963</b>	<b>192,864</b>	<b>179,221</b>	<b>769,685</b>	<b>109.41%</b>
<b>Total S&amp;R Resource</b>	<b>4,575,906</b>	<b>4,575,906</b>	<b>4,575,906</b>	<b>4,575,906</b>	<b>4,575,906</b>	<b>18,303,622</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Operated by STFC on behalf of all Research Councils.

<sup>2</sup> Managed by STFC on behalf of all Research Councils. Total resource expenditure on international subscriptions in 2010-11, including the additional exchange rate costs was £103m. The SR10 allocations are at the exchange rates prevailing in early December 2010 and reflect a shift in funding from capital to resource.

<sup>3</sup> HEIF will also include £37 m pa from HEFCE, taking the total for each year to £150m

**Table 2 Capital**

Note these figures are indicative for the three years from 2012-13 to 2014-15

<b>Council</b>	<b>Baseline 2010-11 £'000</b>	<b>2011-12 £'000</b>	<b>2012-13 £'000</b>	<b>2013-14 £'000</b>	<b>2014-15 £'000</b>	<b>Total £'000</b>	<b>Final Year to Baseline</b>
<b>Research Councils</b>	<b>393,438</b>	<b>239,821</b>	<b>199,393</b>	<b>181,430</b>	<b>180,967</b>	<b>801,611</b>	<b>46.00%</b>
AHRC	3,150	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BBSRC	66,480	38,000	29,700	29,700	29,700	127,100	44.68%
ESRC	20,600	18,700	13,700	12,700	12,700	57,800	61.65%
EPSRC	49,261	31,000	35,000	25,000	25,000	116,000	50.75%
MRC	134,517	33,000	29,000	31,000	31,000	124,000	23.05%
NERC	34,183	32,200	17,800	17,800	17,800	85,600	52.07%
STFC - Core Programme		19,630	21,981	14,237	14,169	70,017	
STFC - Cross-Council Facilities		21,070	21,919	22,463	22,931	88,383	75.98%
STFC - International Subscriptions <sup>4</sup>	85,247	46,221	30,293	28,530	27,667	132,711	
<b>Large Facilities Capital Fund</b>	<b>103,380</b>	<b>115,279</b>	<b>61,307</b>	<b>47,769</b>	<b>128,132</b>	<b>352,487</b>	<b>123.94%</b>
<b>UK Space Agency</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>76,000</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>HEI Capital HEFCE</b>	<b>166,952</b>	<b>75,170</b>	<b>90,970</b>	<b>90,160</b>	<b>101,500</b>	<b>357,800</b>	<b>60.80%</b>
<b>HEI Research Capital England</b>	<b>158,420</b>	<b>53,199</b>	<b>64,377</b>	<b>63,810</b>	<b>71,831</b>	<b>253,217</b>	<b>45.34%</b>
<b>HEI Research Capital Scotland<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>23,622</b>	<b>8,620</b>	<b>10,431</b>	<b>10,339</b>	<b>11,639</b>	<b>41,029</b>	<b>49.27%</b>
<b>HEI Research Capital Wales<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>6,031</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>2,854</b>	<b>10,059</b>	<b>47.32%</b>
<b>HEI Research Capital N. Ireland<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>1,778</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>3,797</b>	<b>60.57%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>872,621</b>	<b>514,000</b>	<b>449,000</b>	<b>416,000</b>	<b>517,000</b>	<b>1,896,000</b>	<b>59.25%</b>

<sup>4</sup> This figure reflects a shift from capital to resource

<sup>5</sup> These funds are allocated on the basis that they will be supplemented by further funding from each of the devolved HE funding bodies.