

The Australian National University

Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)

2022 Allocation Report

The *Higher Education Support (Student Services, Amenities, Representation and Advocacy) Guidelines 2022* require higher education providers to provide a publicly available report on student services and amenities fee (SSAF) allocations and actual expenditure for the year as part of their annual reporting and in the form approved by the Minister. This *SSAF Allocation Report* is the form approved by the Minister.

Additional reporting was introduced to allow for greater transparency and consistency in SSAF allocations and expenditure.

Please note, the information provided in this *SSAF Allocation Report* does **not** require auditing by a financial accountant. The SSAF expenditure reporting remains unchanged, more information can be found in the [Financial Statements Guidelines](#) for Table A and B providers, and in the [Financial Viability Instructions: Applicants and Providers of FEE-HELP \(FVI\)](#) for all other approved providers.

SSAF Consultation and Achievements

Summary and outcomes of consultation on the specific uses of SSAF

The Australian National University (ANU) undergoes a formal process of consultation with our student body to evaluate how they would like to see the SSAF revenue allocated across the defined service areas.

As part of a broader consultation process informing the allocation of SSAF, the University normally releases a survey to all students. For 2022 funding, however, 2021 allocations were maintained due to COVID disruptions throughout the year which meant a survey was not provided to students. This resulted in the establishment of a Student Services Council with a view to allocate SSAF to the best effect to deliver impactful programs.

The Student Services Council (SSC) was established to improve the administration and decision-making that reflects the student body interest. The SSC plays an advisory role on all matters pertaining to the SSAF, its allocation and use across different services provided to the ANU Students; and it plays a key role in managing SSAF reporting and acquittals. The SSC recommends expenditure to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Steps taken to ensure that SSAF was expended in accordance with the Act

As part of the University's agreements with SSAF recipients, they are required to provide quarterly reports including a budget breakdown of spending in accordance with the purposes set out in The Higher Education Support Act 2003.

In addition, recipients are required to provide the University an Annual Acquittal Statement that confirms that funds have been acquitted in accordance to the Act.

What SSAF funding achieved in 2022

The University distributes SSAF to a number of organisations that provide services and amenities to the student community.

The ANU Students' Association (ANUSA) is the peak representative body for undergraduate students at the ANU. ANUSA provides a wide range of services including academic, financial and legal. ANUSA also runs major events every year such as two Market Days which thousands of students attend. ANUSA also democratically organises students to advocate for their interests, both at the ANU and more broadly in Canberra and Australia.

The Postgraduate and Research Students' Association (PARSA) provides representation and support for all postgraduate students at ANU. PARSA exists to ensure the interests of postgraduates at ANU, namely through representing postgraduate student rights and wellbeing.

ANU Sport exists to facilitate connections within the campus community through health, well-being, and sport. Their aim is to enable the best University sport and physical recreation experience in Australia, empowering the campus community to connect and reach their full potential.

ANU Student Media (Woroni) and ANU Observer serve the student community through timely, detailed and accurate coverage of campus events.

SSAF is also directed to a number of central services at the University in Student Life, Careers and Scholarly Information Services. These services help to enrich the student experience by providing access to academic support, career advice and student retention, development and welcome activities and support.

Highlights of services on which SSAF funds were spent for 2022 include:

- ANU Careers launched a career voyage online tool to help students who struggle to verbalise their career ideas, over 50 students have used this tool already.
- Scholarly Information Services have a writing centre to assist with academic writing, referencing, interpreting assignment questions, reading strategies, time management, note-taking, exam preparation and presentation skills.
- ANU Student Association (ANUSA) has provided over 500 various financial grants including emergency grants, grocery vouchers and emergency accommodation.
- Woroni student media released two editions.
- The Observer student media released multiple articles online.
- ANU Sports ran 10 ANU Sport programs hosted across the year which are subsidised or free of charge (on campus and interstate).
- The Engagement and Success Team successfully delivered the ACT Youth Week Grant Cooking and Conversations, 80 students participated, and the events garnered attention from media and radio locally.

SSAF Revenue Summary

	2022 Allocation \$ ¹	2022 Actual \$
SSAF Revenue	\$5,500,000.00	\$5,596,819.49
SSAF revenue carried forward from 2021	\$2,101,683.70	\$2,182,059.07
Total SSAF funds available for 2022	\$7,601,683.70	\$7,778,878.56
SSAF revenue carried over into 2023	\$2,130,056.51	\$2,219,285.13

¹ Allocation refers to the SSAF funds expected to be received in the reported year (i.e., budgeted SSAF revenue).

SSAF Charge Summary

The student services and amenities fee (SSAF) charged to students must not be above the maximum fee for a calendar year. The maximum SSAF is indexed annually as required by the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*. In 2022 the maximum SSAF was \$315.00.

Student Status	2022 SSAF charged \$ ²	Number of students charged in 2022 ³
Full-time ¹ (> 0.75 EFTSL)	\$315.00	10,698
Part-time ¹ (< 0.75 EFTSL)	\$78.75-\$236.25	6,247
		Total: 16,945

¹ Note: As per Part 2 of the *Higher Education Support (Administration) Guidelines 2022* (Administration Guidelines), students studying on a part-time basis must not be charged more than 75 per cent of the maximum SSAF that a higher education provider determines for students studying on a full-time basis. The term “part-time basis” means a study load of less than 75 per cent of the normal full-time student load for the period to which the fee relates. As per part 7 of the Administration Guidelines, the normal EFTSL value for a full-time student studying over a period of one year is 1.0.

² Note: As per Part 2 of the Administration Guidelines, a higher education provider may choose to determine a different SSAF for particular categories of persons, including a zero amount.

³ Note: Students are categorised as full-time or part-time students based on the total EFTSL value of the units of study they undertook in 2022. For example, a student undertook a full-time study load in Semester 1 which was equal to 0.5 EFTSL and undertook a part-time study load in Semester 2 which was equal to 0.375 EFTSL. This student would be categorised as a full-time student in 2022 as the total EFTSL they undertook in 2022 was equal to 0.875.

Student Status	2022 SSAF charged \$ ²	Approx. number of SSAF students remote learning 2022 ⁴
Remote learning/Online only	\$0.00	0

⁴ Note: The Department understands that not all higher education providers capture mode of study in their information systems and many students undertake a mixed mode of study such as face-to-face and remote learning. The data provided above is for students who undertook remote learning for 100% of their units of study. Please note, due to the limitations of our information systems, the above data may be approximate.

SSAF Allocation Summary

Subsection 19-38(4) of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (the Act) provides a list of 19 allowable expenditure items which higher education providers may allocate and spend SSAF revenue on.

Please note, under subsection 19-38 of the Act, SSAF revenue must not be spent to support a political party or the election of a person as a member of the legislature of the Commonwealth, State or a Territory, or a local government body.

Key Area	2022 Total Allocation \$	2022 Total Actual Spend \$	Are services available online?	Estimated No. of students accessing services
1. Health Services	\$0.00	\$0.00		
2. Clubs or other associations	\$1,925,674.92	\$1,842,528.24		
a. Sporting	\$706,935.00	\$781,804.77	N	7,000
b. Internal student politics	\$219,345.80	\$233,853.02	Y	
c. Gender, sexuality, ethnicity, race, or nationality-based	\$294,004.74	\$238,844.39	Y	300
d. Areas-of-study related e.g. law	\$3,000.00	\$185.88	Y	
e. Other activities e.g. music, debate, chess	\$0.00	\$0.00		
f. Other	\$702,389.38	\$819,088.68	Y	1,000
3. Employment/career services	\$49,900.00	\$9,995.87	Y	5,000
4. Legal aid	\$278,034.89	\$239,083.40	Y	1,163
5. Other student amenities	\$490,153.20	\$465,434.96	Y	12,384
6. Other - please provide description	\$3,132,162.59	\$2,771,735.46		
a. Student retention, development and success activities and support	\$273,335.00	\$185,365.00	Y	14,017
b. Student orientation and welcome program activities	\$272,680.46	\$389,670.73	Y	5,000
c. Student advice, advocacy and assistance program	\$1,025,100.38	\$867,780.10	Y	5,684
d. Student space (BKSS) program	\$148,519.95	\$156,319.09	N	
e. Supporting the administration of a Student Association	\$1,404,079.80	\$1,170,600.54	Y	
f. Student created research journal	\$8,447.00	\$2,000.00	Y	64
Total	\$5,875,925.60	\$5,559,593.43		51,612

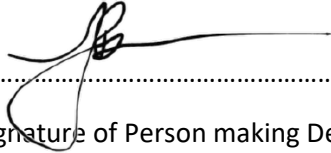
Organisations, bodies or third-party providers that received SSAF funding in 2022

Organisation Name ¹	Australian Business Number (ABN)	Supported Key Area	Total SSAF Funding Received \$	% of total SSAF Funding Received
The Australian National University Students' Association	50 530 891 173	2b, 2c, 2d, 2f, 3, 4, 5, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e	\$2,292,707.43	41%
ANU Postgraduate and Research Student's Association	52 234 063 906	2c, 2f, 3, 4, 6b, 6c, 6e	\$1,560,000.00	28%
ANU Sport and Recreation Association Incorporated	97 944 298 310	2a, 5	\$920,000.00	17%
Australian National University Student Media Inc.	13 039 386 943	2c, 2f, 3	\$178,000.00	4%
ANU Observer Inc.	99 305 597 393	5	\$55,000.00	1%

¹ Note: Only organisations, bodies or third-party providers who receive over \$1,000 in SSAF funding are expected to be disclosed above.

Declaration by Person of Authority

I, Dr James Brann, Director, University Experience Division of The Australian National University, declare that the information provided in this Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) Allocation Report is to the best of my knowledge true, complete and correct.



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Signature of Person making Declaration

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29 June 2023

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