

In our 2025/26-2028/29 [Access and Participation Plan](#) we have a commitment to spend 27% of Higher Fee Income across Student Financial Support, Access, Research & Evaluation, Success and Progression.

When writing the APP we estimated 27% of our HFI for 2025/26 to be £14,582,478. Since then, as an institution we have welcomed a higher number of Home Undergraduate Students to the university, impacting our HFI and increasing it by almost £1,500,000.

We will deliver all commitments outlined within our APP, in a scalable manner, at a cost of £14,582,478.

For this reason, we have had a Tier 2 Variation request agreed with the Office for Students. This variation amends our HFI commitment within the existing APP to 25% of the University's HFI.

It is imperative to note there are no changes to our APP intervention strategies, spend on each strategy or targets.

For the remainder of our current APP we will closely monitor the Home Undergraduate cohort to ensure that we are continuing to meet targets for each of our intervention strategies.

The reduction of our APP HFI commitment to 25% has been agreed at our University Academic Leadership Board and University Executive Board, before final agreement from the Office for Students.