



Allocations for the 2019 Performance-Based Research Fund

In 2019, the Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) allocated \$315 million, the same as 2018.

The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) allocated:

- › \$302.99 million to 8 universities (96.2%)
- › \$10.12 million to 14 Institutes of technology and polytechnics (ITPs) (3.2%)
- › \$1.14 million to 11 Private training establishments (PTEs) (<1%)
- › \$731,369 to 2 Wānanga (<1%)

2018 Quality Evaluation

The results of the 2018 PBRF Quality Evaluation, published in September 2019, can be found [here](#).

36 tertiary education organisations (TEOs) participated in the 2018 PBRF Quality Evaluation (QE). The number of TEOs eligible to receive PBRF funding for the period 2019 to 2025, increased by eight to thirty five.

The results of the 2018 Quality Evaluation had an effect on each sector's proportion and allocation of the total 2019 PBRF funding. The university sector decreased by \$4 million and the ITP, PTE and Wananga sectors increased by \$3 million, \$500,000 and \$200,000 respectively.

Quality Evaluation (QE) allocations; the 2018 QE results had an effect on all sectors

The Quality Evaluation component of the PBRF comes from an assessment of the research performance of staff at eligible TEOs. In 2019, the TEC allocated \$173.25 million in QE funding.

2019 funding allocations for the QE measure are based on the results of the 2018 QE. These results had an effect on each sector's allocation and proportion of the QE component.

Sector	2012 Quality Evaluation funding	2018 Quality Evaluation funding	\$ Increase / Decrease from 2012 QE	% of 2018 QE funding
Universities	\$167,519,809	\$165,728,915	-\$1,790,895	95.7%
ITPs	\$5,183,168	\$6,284,438	\$1,101,269	3.6%
PTEs	\$394,699	\$909,209	\$514,509.60	0.52%
Wānanga	\$152,323	\$327,439	\$175,116	0.19%
TOTAL	\$173,250,000	\$173,250,000	\$0	

External Research Income (ERI) funding was similar to 2018...

The external research income element of the PBRF is an annual measurement of the amount and type of income received by participating TEOs from external sources for research.

In 2019 the TEC allocated \$63 million in ERI funding. Universities received \$62.5 million, ITPs \$359,627, Wānanga \$41,989 and PTEs \$74,313. All sectors received a similar percentage of the 2019 ERI funding compared to 2018.

The total amount of ERI earned by all sectors in 2019 was \$603.01¹ million. The increase of 2.95% on 2018 is the lowest percentage increase year on year since 2013. ERI earned across all sectors has continually increased from \$396.8 million in 2013 to \$603.01 million in 2019.

...with external research income earned increasing for the university, ITP and PTE sector's...

The university sector increased its ERI earned by \$15 million (2.63%) between 2018 and 2019, however this was its lowest percentage increase since 2013. For the period 2013 to 2019 (\$394 million to \$597 million respectively) the university sector has increased its ERI earnings year on year.

The ITP sector has maintained its level of ERI earnings between \$1.9 million and \$2.4 million over the period 2014-2018. With four new ITPs funded, 2019 has seen a significant increase of \$1.677 million (69.09%) on the \$2.427 million ERI earned in 2018.

The PTE sector has maintained its level of ERI earnings between \$328,279 and \$382,349 over the period 2014 to 2018. With 3 new PTEs now contributing to ERI earnings, this sector has seen a significant increase (101.5%) in 2019 to \$770,548 ERI earned.

...and slightly decreased external research income earned for Wānanga

The Wānanga sector earned \$466,257 ERI in 2019, a slight decrease of \$68,059 (-12.74%) on 2018. This followed a stable period of earnings during 2017 and 2018 of \$494,110 and \$534,316 respectively.

¹ The 2019 ERI earned includes the eight new Providers from the 2018 Quality Evaluation

Research Degree Completion allocations increases for ITPs, Wānanga and PTEs...

The Research Degree Completions (RDCs) element of the PBRF is a yearly measurement of the number of PBRF-eligible postgraduate research-based degrees completed at participating TEOs.

In 2019, the TEC allocated \$78.750 million in RDC funding and of this Universities received \$74.74 million, ITPs \$3.47 million, Wānanga \$361,941 and PTEs \$165,455.

Between 2018 and 2019 RDC funding decreased by \$1.54 million for the university sector, and increased for ITPs, PTEs and Wānanga by \$1.56 million, \$10,749 and \$8,495 respectively.

...and the total number of RDCs continued to trend upwards

RDCs have continued to increase incrementally over the period 2014 (3975) to 2019 (4183), with an increase of 42 completions between 2018 and 2019.

In 2019 RDCs increased for European (97, 4.2%), Asian (106, 8.8%) and for Middle Eastern/Latin American/African (MELAA) (41, 16.2%) and decreased for Maori (34, -12.5%) and Pacific People (5, -8.6%).

Natural and Physical Sciences (893) and Society and Culture (832) continue to produce the highest numbers of RDCs, followed by Health (591) and Creative Arts (432).

Compared to 2018, larger increases in RDCs occurred in Engineering and Related Technologies (50, 15.2%); Information Technology (31, 27.4%); Education (23, 10.6%); and Society and Culture (27, 3.4%). Creative Arts (-117, -21.3%) had a large RDC decrease; with smaller decreases in Management and Commerce (-11, -4.8%) and Mixed Field Programmes (-10, -22.7%). The remaining fields of study increased marginally.

Further information

More information on the PBRF can be found [here](#).

Other publications relevant to the PBRF, including previous allocations and annual reports, can be found [here](#).

Detailed allocations and completions information is available in the [2019 PBRF Allocation Tables](#) (Excel, 247 Kb)



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