



Allocations for the 2015 Performance-Based Research Fund

In 2015, the Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) increased to \$287.5 million from \$275 million in 2014 and \$262.5 million in 2013.

The Tertiary Education Commission (the TEC) allocated:

- › \$279.3 million to 8 universities (97.2%)
- › \$7.1 million to 10 ITPs (2.5%)
- › \$519,300 to 8 PTEs (<1%)
- › \$528,500 to 1 wānanga (<1%).

Each sector's funding increased in a similar proportion to the overall increase in the size of the fund, except the wānanga sector where funding increased 22% due to a 57% increase in Research Degree Completion (RDC) funding.

Quality Evaluation (QE) allocations increased for all sectors

In 2015, the TEC allocated \$172.5 million in Quality Evaluation (QE) funding, an increase of \$7.5 million from 2014. Each sector received a proportional increase of 4.5% compared to 2014 with universities receiving \$166.7 million, ITPs \$5.2 million, wānanga \$151,700, and PTEs \$393,000.

2015 funding allocations for the QE measure were based on the results of the 2012 QE. The next QE will be held in 2018.

Overall External Research Income (ERI) funding increased...

In 2015, the TEC allocated \$43.1 million in funding in ERI funding; an increase of \$1.9 million from 2014. Universities received \$42.8 million, ITPs approximately \$268,600, wānanga \$59,900 and PTEs \$20,200.

...but decreased for both the ITP and wānanga sectors

ERI funding continued to decrease for the ITP and wānanga sectors for 2015. Over the 2011-2013 period, the external research income earned has decreased by \$460,400 (17%) for the ITP sector, and \$729,000 (73%) for the wānanga sector.

The university sector's ERI funding increased for 2015

While the external research income earned by the university sector decreased by \$13 million (3%) between 2011 and 2013, ERI funding increased by \$1.9 million (5%) for 2015. This is due to the high percentage of total external research income earned by the university sector.

Research Degree Completion allocations increased...

In 2015, the TEC allocated \$71.9 million in RDC funding; an increase of \$3.1 million from 2014. Allocations increased for all sectors with each sector's share of the total RDC pool remaining similar to 2014. Universities received \$69.8 million, ITPs \$1.7 million, wānanga \$317,000 and PTEs \$106,100. Each sector's RDC funding increased roughly in line with the increase in the fund; apart from the wānanga sector where there was a \$114,600 (57%) increase in RDC funding due to a significant increase in RDCs from 5 completions in 2011 to 24 in 2013.

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

RDCs increased significantly from 3,143 in 2010 to 4,023 in 2013. There was a slight drop to 3,925 in 2014 but an increase to 3,962 for 2015. There has been an overall increase of 364 RDCs (10%) over the 2011-2015 period.

In 2015, Society and Culture (827) and Natural and Physical Sciences (799) continued to produce the highest number of RDCs although both areas saw a slight drop between 2014 and 2015.

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 [2015 PBRF Allocation Tables](#) (Excel, 202 Kb)