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Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) 2015 Report

What is the SSAF?

From January 2012, Australian higher education providers began charging students a compulsory fee to support services and amenities of a non-academic nature. The [Student Services & Amenities Fee \(SSAF\)](#) is designed to improve non-academic services and amenities for students, such as recreational activities, employment assistance, financial or legal advice, child care, and food catering, through increased funding. It was introduced through the *Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Act 2011*¹, which was passed by the Australian Parliament in October 2011.

What can the SSAF be spent on?

The Act specifies the services on which the funding can be applied, as outlined below. The Act also stipulates that the university must adhere to the [Student Services, Amenities, Representation and Advocacy Guidelines](#) which set benchmarks for student access to services such as health and welfare information, advocacy and orientation programs.

The SSAF can be spent on the following services:

- providing food or drink to students on a campus of the higher education provider;
- supporting a sporting or other recreational activity by students;
- supporting the administration of a club most of whose members are students;
- caring for children of students;
- providing legal services to students;
- promoting the health or welfare of students;
- helping students secure accommodation;
- helping students obtain employment or advice on careers;
- helping students with their financial affairs;
- helping students obtain insurance against personal accidents;
- supporting debating by students;
- providing libraries and reading rooms (other than those provided for academic purposes) for students;
- supporting an artistic activity by students;
- supporting the production and dissemination to students of media whose content is provided by students;
- helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled;

¹ For more information about the Act, please refer to the Commonwealth Government's [education website](#). This page includes questions and answers relating to the Fee and the Representative and Administrative Guidelines.



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- advising on matters arising under the higher education provider’s rules (however described);
- advocating students’ interests in matters arising under the higher education provider’s rules (however described);
- giving students information to help them in their orientation; and
- helping meet the specific needs of overseas students relating to their welfare, accommodation and employment.

The funding must not be spent on supporting a political party or the election of a person as a member of a political party at any level of government.

How much SSAF was collected in 2015?

A full time student in 2015 paid a maximum of \$286. SSAF is calculated by load therefore part-time students do not pay the full amount. Please refer to the [Payment Information](#) page on the university’s website to view details of who paid the SSAF in 2015.

Total SSAF collected in 2015 was **\$4,766,710**.

How was the SSAF spent in 2015?

A summary of the 2015 actual expenditure is provided in the following table.

2015 SSAF Expenditure Summary

Area	Items	2015 Allocation	2015 Actual
Students Association	Funding to support the operation of the University of South Australia Students' Association, USASA. USASA deliver the key functions of student representation and voice, student advocacy, support for social & academic clubs, off-campus social activities, student media and magazine.	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Student Experience Team	Funding to support the delivery of the Student Experience strategy and the activities of the Student Experience Team who deliver the strategy and coordinate extracurricular student experience activities across the university. Key activities include the Leadership Program & Pitch Perfect workshops, delivery of Student Engagement	\$1,297,623	\$1,199,909



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	Grants program, and delivery of all on campus events including Gear Up, Brekkie Bar and UniBazaar.		
Careers Strategy	Funding to support the UniSA Careers Strategy, 2013-2015. Funding was used to implement the key initiatives of Volunteering in the Community and CareerShop.	\$440,000	\$440,000
UniSA Sport	Funding to support UniSA Sport including supporting student recreation and sport clubs, participation in university games events, delivery of on campus events and sport activities.	\$450,000	\$424,718
Whyalla Activity Fund	Funding to support student experience events & activities at Whyalla campus.	\$20,000	\$16,363
Mt Gambier Activity Fund	Funding to support student experience events & activities at Mt Gambier campus.	\$20,000	\$20,000
Student Bar (West Bar)	Supporting the operation of the university's student bar at City West campus.	\$150,000	\$85,931
Student Grants	Pool of grant funding for Student Engagement Grants (\$100,000); Small Grants (\$25,000); Global Experience Travel Grants (\$10,000).	\$135,000	\$81,956
Art & Culture on Campus	Funding to support the Art & Culture on Campus 'Crossing the Horizon' project including the Student Art Gallery located in West Bar and the Art After Dark program.	\$35,000	\$30,097
Student Insurance	Personal Accident Insurance for Students.	\$55,000	\$55,000
Better Orientation	Campus day events and orientation communications.	\$150,000	\$150,000



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Student Amenities & Infrastructure	Funding to support maintenance and operating costs of Magill Pool & Gym; City East Gym; Sports Centre Mawson Lakes; Student Lounge Refurbishment City West; USASA Honorarium (President).	\$756,018	\$764,505
TOTAL		\$4,908,641	\$4,668,479