

Faculty taught project costs policy

Some postgraduate programmes (typically MRes programmes and lab based MSc programmes) and undergraduate programmes have project costs as part of the tuition fee to cover specific extra costs associated with specialist project work. Project costs are typically included for 'wet' research projects and cover costs such as laboratory consumables, equipment purchase, training, technical support and other specific costs approved by the school. However, project costs are also available for 'dry' projects to cover costs such as software licences, student travel to complete their project, card and other materials to produce project resources, vouchers to encourage engagement with surveys and project resources, refreshments for focus groups, and poster printing. How they are used will depend on the particular project but they cannot cover participant costs such as travel to take part in the project.

Band	Number of Credits	Project Cost
Band A	Undergraduate non-lab or 'dry' project (including APEP – Service Evaluation, APEP – Clinical Audit, APEP – Systematic Evaluation, APEP – Critical Appraisal, Psychology, BSc Bioscience - eLearning, BSc Bioscience - Science Media, BSc Bioscience – Education, BSc Bioscience - Public Engagement, BSc Bioscience – Biomodelling, BSc Bioscience - Bioinformatics, BSc Bioscience - HSTM) Postgraduate desk based projects (e.g. literature review, systematic review, etc).	£50*
Band B	Undergraduate lab or 'wet' project (including Research APEP, BSc Bioscience Laboratory and Field-based Projects)	£400
Band C	60 credit PGT 'dry' research project	£750
Band D	60 credit PGT 'wet' research project	£1,000
Band E	90 credit PGT research project (including Biotechnology projects)	£1,500
Band F	120 credit PGT research project (including MSci and MRes projects, excluding MRes Psychology)	£2,000

*From 2017/18 Supervisors will need to request consumable costs up to £50 for undergraduate non-lab projects.

For APEP and Psychology via the relevant project unit co-ordinator; for SBS via email to studentsupportoffice.sbs@manchester.ac.uk

Project costs must be clearly presented in programme information.

Any requests for variations from the above standard project costs should be submitted by the appropriate Head of School to be considered and formally approved by the Faculty Leadership Team (FLT) including a clear rationale, justification and market research. Consideration should be made to the cost of delivering the programme and the contribution to the faculty.

From 2017-18, there will be three different tuition fee structures within the Faculty for postgraduate taught programmes including the standard arts fee, the standard science fee and the MRes fee. Postgraduate taught courses that include project costs will fall within the latter two tuition fee groups. There should be an understanding that a tuition fee increase may be required in order to meet faculty contribution benchmarks.