

How we use your tuition fee and provide value for money

Completing university level study is a significant investment for you and we manage our finances carefully to make sure that we give you good value for money and ensure the long-term sustainability of The Cornwall College Group. Providing a high quality learning experience is our priority and your fee is spent on everything that contributes to your whole experience with us.

As a college provider of Higher Education (HE) we differ in a number of ways from more traditional universities and this is reflected in how we spend your tuition fee. A distinctive feature of our provision is group sizes that are smaller than in many other institutions, allowing a closer degree of contact with tutors and a greater degree of personalised learning. We recruit a higher than average proportion of disabled students and students from areas and backgrounds that historically are not well represented in HE. We deliberately maintain our tuition fees at a significantly lower level than the UK average to encourage participation in HE by students who might be put off university level study by higher fees and we offer bursaries and financial support to help reduce barriers to study.

As a result, we spend a relatively high proportion of your tuition fee on academic staff and on specialist pastoral roles to support you during your studies; these include HE Senior Tutors, HE Academic Advisors, HE Disability Advisors and our HE Careers Officer. In addition to our core HE staff, your tuition fee also pays for the people needed to manage and ensure the quality of HE and your wider experience. This includes the HE Operations team who manage admissions and academic registry, staff in our Learning Resource Centres, Campus Support Officers, and Curriculum Managers.

You share campuses and some support services with Further Education students. These include Learning Resource Centres, IT systems, catering, security, and maintenance. We manage our income carefully to ensure that investments in facilities and campuses have the greatest positive impact on all learners.