

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Materials allocation methodology

The amount available for the purchase of library material on behalf of academic departments is divided into a Teaching Allocation and Research Allocation, in the ratio 65:35. The two allocations together total the **notional** allocation to each department for the year. The **actual** allocation is modified by a number of factors, including existing periodical subscriptions - a 'safety net' prevents a reduction greater than 15 per cent; purchasing history; and discussions with Library and academic staff.

Teaching allocation

This is divided between departments on the basis of the number of 'teaching units'. These are arrived at by multiplying **weighted student numbers** by **book price** and **library use** indices.

For each academic department:

- undergraduate students are weighted 1
- taught postgraduate students are weighted 1.5
- book price index is calculated from the average price of books bought on behalf of the department during the past three years
- Library use index is calculated from the per capita loans and renewals recorded for staff and students of the department over the past twelve months.

Research allocation

This is divided between departments on the basis of the number of 'research units'. These are arrived at by multiplying **weighted research postgraduate** and **academic staff numbers** by **serials price** and **research rating** indices.

For each academic department:

- academic and research staff are weighted 2
- research postgraduate students are weighted 1.5
- serials price index is calculated from the average cost of serials subscriptions paid on behalf of the department during the past five years