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Financial Summary

2023

Introduction

This year's Financial Summary is set within the context of a year when the University of St Andrews was ranked number one in the UK in both the *Guardian University Guide 2024* and *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*. It is the first time that any university, other than those of Oxbridge, has led both major UK higher education league tables in the same year.

These awards reflect the excellence of our staff and students. They signal a deep institutional commitment to world-leading research and teaching.

This year has not been without uncertainty. Whilst it is predicted that the UK will likely escape a recession, long-term financial sustainability presents a challenge, and the cost-of-living crisis remains. This – dubbed the cost of learning crisis – will shape our Annual Giving appeal for a second year.

Pressures relating to pay settlements, continued inflation and energy costs are significant. The war in Ukraine wages on. Earthquakes have cost thousands of lives. Wildfires have raged. The war in Gaza and Israel has caused devastating loss of life and suffering.

With more than 130 countries represented in our student population alone, so many in our community – staff, alumni and friends included – have been affected.

Regardless, the University remains in a solid financial position. Our results have held up remarkably well despite the downward pressure. We continue to invest in our people, develop in digital technologies, and deliver the best student experience.

Philanthropy remains key to this success. Demolition has been completed at our 'New College' site. This flagship capital project forms part of the most significant philanthropic campaign in 600 years which aims to raise £300 million, currently in 'quiet phase' and due to be launched in late 2024. Already, donations are contributing to our vision of creating a new home for the School of International Relations and a world-leading Business School.

Other priorities include the Mackenzie Institute for Early Diagnosis, Entrepreneurial St Andrews, Sustainable St Andrews, Postgraduate and Undergraduate Scholarships, legacies through the Chancellor's Circle, and endowments.

To join us in shaping this campaign, or if you would like to share feedback on this Financial Summary, please get in touch and let us know how we can encourage your support.

Robert Fleming
Director of Development

Andy Goor
Chief Financial Officer

Income, expenditure and student numbers

Facts and figures: reports and financial statements for the year

Income 2022-2023

£322,445,000

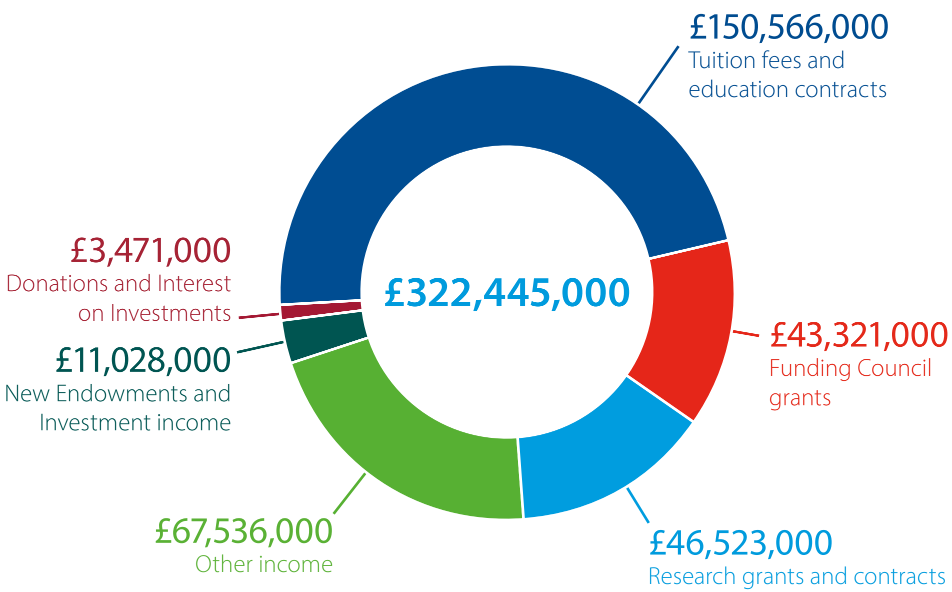
Income 2021-2022

£313,650,000

The University's total income increased by 2.8% to £322.4m.

Tuition fee income rose by 9.6% to £150.6m, reflecting continued growth in overseas undergraduates. Applications from overseas students remain strong, although the competition to attract these students remains very high. In response, the University's strategy is to maintain its excellent standards and reputation for world-leading research-led teaching – building on this year's historic 'double first' achievement in the UK league tables – while looking to diversify and grow its market.

***Income sources** (2022-2023)*



Expenditure 2022-2023

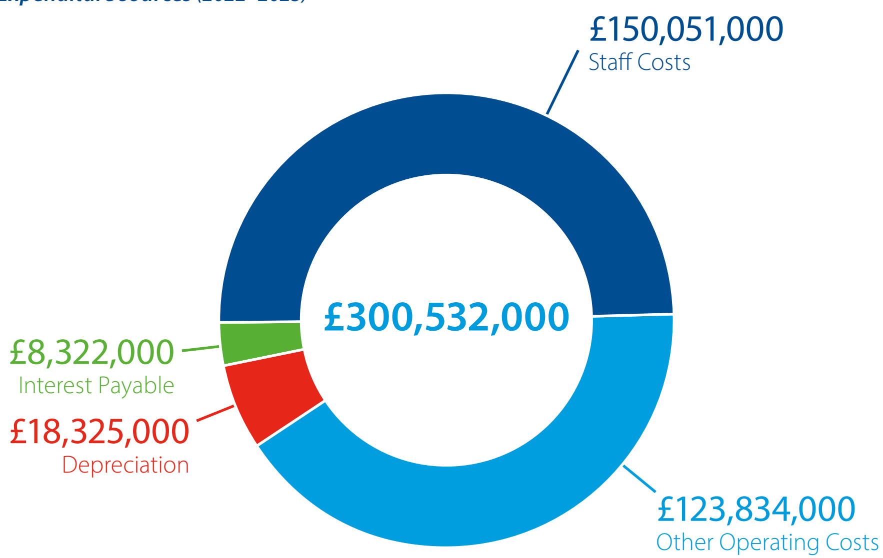
£300,532,000

Expenditure 2021-2022

£338,430,000

Total expenditure decreased by £37.9m or 11.2% to £300.5m this year, predominantly due to pension accounting adjustments. Excluding these adjustments, underlying expenditure has increased by £35.6m or 12.6% to £317.6m. Growth in spend is due to a £14.4m increase in underlying staff costs reflecting national pay award increases, £16.9m increase in other operating expenditure due to the current high inflation environment as we continue to work towards the University Strategy 2022-2027, and £4.4m increase related to depreciation and finance costs. The increase in depreciation is the result of continued investment in the University estate, where increased finance costs are solely attributable to pension-related factors.

***Expenditure sources** (2022-2023)*



The Financial Statements for 2022-2023 are available at the following webpage:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/staff/money/financialstatements

Student numbers

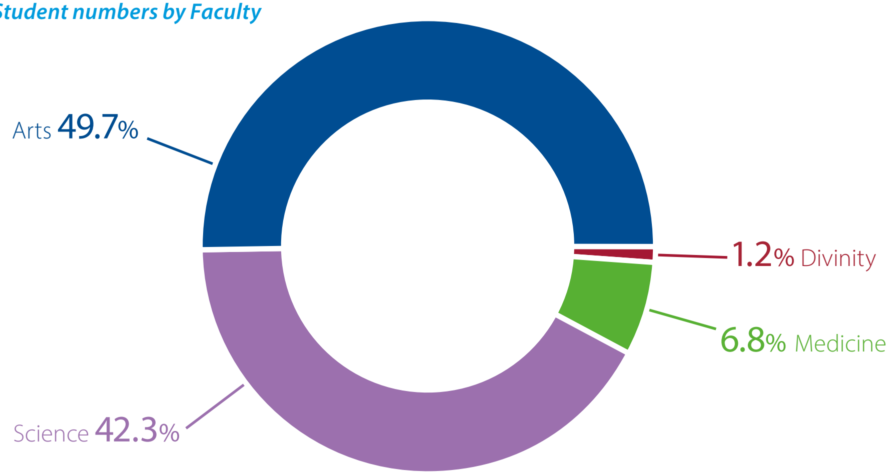
Applications from high quality overseas students continue to grow year on year, despite strong competition.

As at Semester 1 in 2022-2023, the University of St Andrews had:

10,468 students, comprising:

8,459 undergraduates **2,009** postgraduates

Student numbers by Faculty



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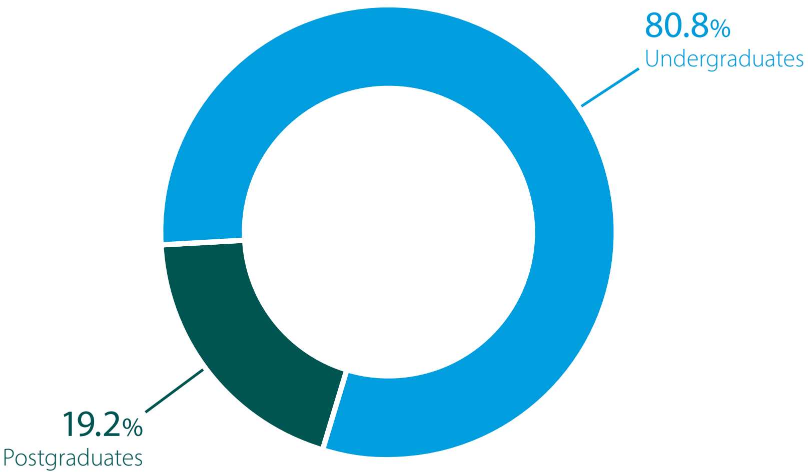
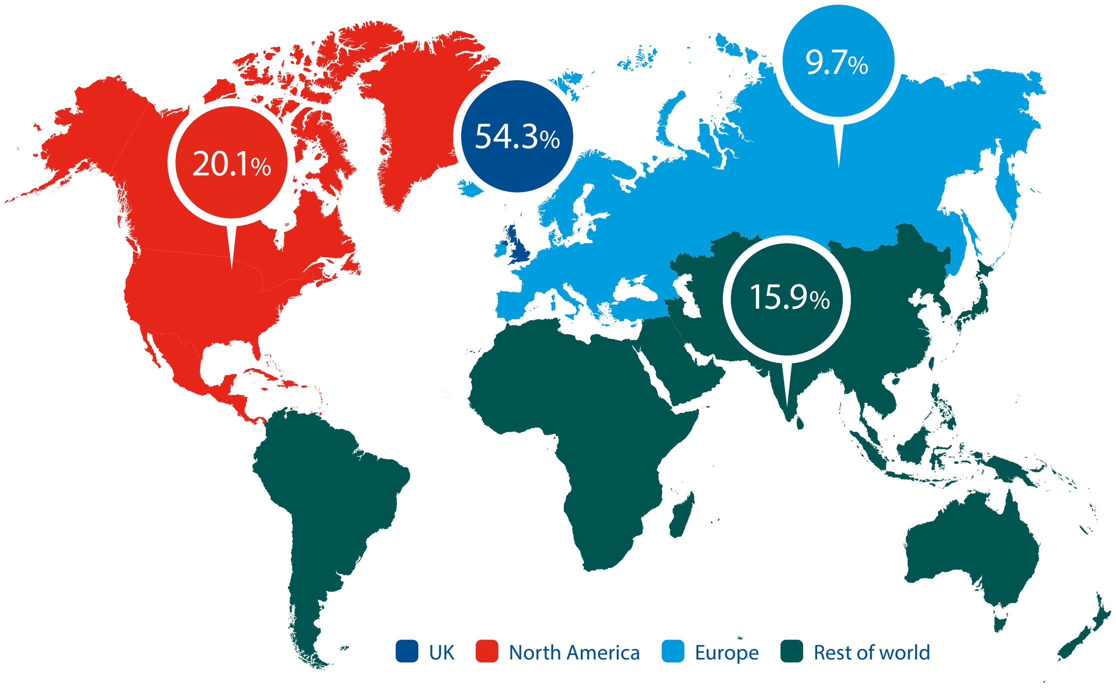


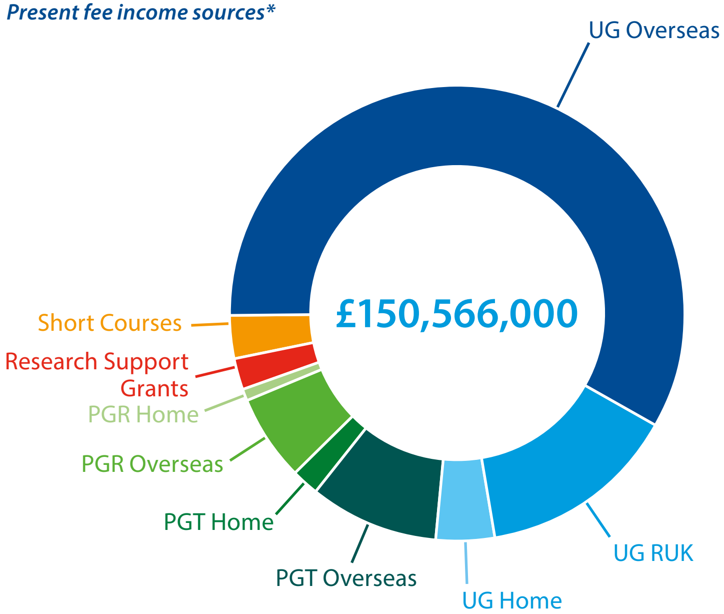
Student numbers by region 2022-2023



Tuition fee income

Undergraduate and postgraduate fees are set using different criteria to reflect the fact that undergraduate fees for Scottish students are set externally by the Scottish Government, while postgraduate fees are set by the University within the context of prevailing market conditions.

Present fee income sources*



	£000s
UG Overseas	£86,582
UG RUK	£21,363
UG Home	£5,789
PGT Overseas	£13,670
PGT Home	£3,728
PGR Overseas	£9,616
PGR Home	£1,804
Research Support Grants	£3,128
Short Courses	£4,886
Total	**£150,566**

*Tuition fee income from EU students beginning their studies post-Brexit, is included in 'Overseas' income.
Tuition fee income from EU students beginning their studies pre-Brexit, is included in the 'Home' fee income.

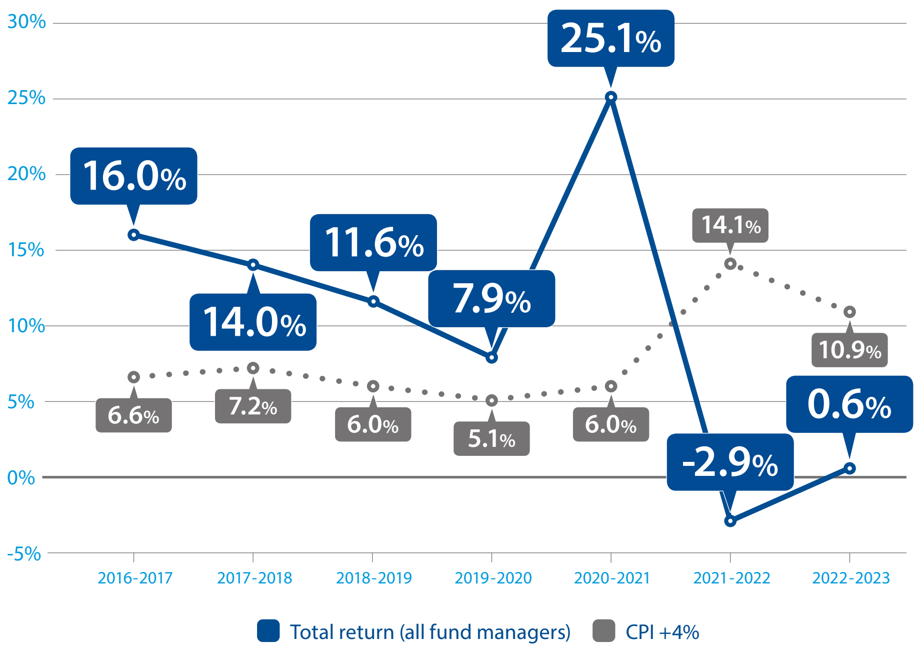
Endowment and investment income

Endowment investment

Our endowment portfolio has recovered somewhat from the previous year, although it has continued to struggle, mirroring wider market performance. It has increased as a result of new endowments and higher income (as a result of higher interest rates, as opposed to an increase in capital value). The total annual return across all fund managers was 0.6% in 2022-2023.

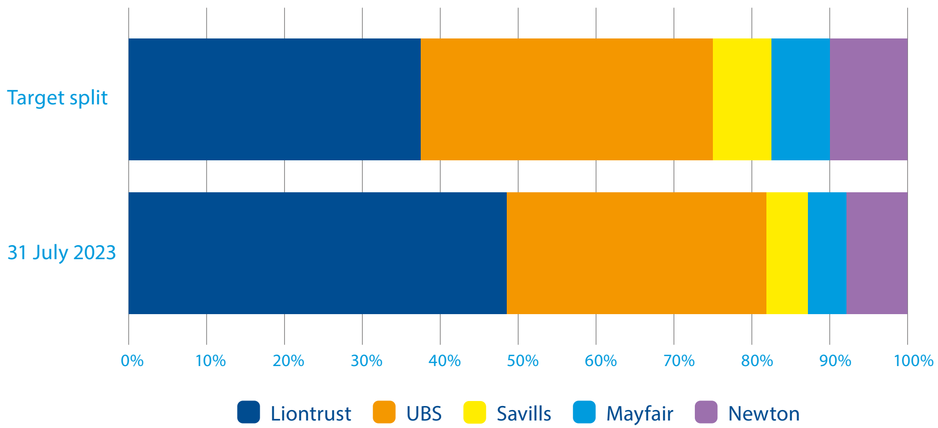
During the year, the endowment fund has supported a spend of £3.8m towards a number of initiatives, including scholarships, and the total value of the endowment fund has increased by 1.6% from £113.1m (2021-2022) to £114.9m (2022-2023).

Annual return of invested endowment funds:
% total return (appreciation and income) net of fees

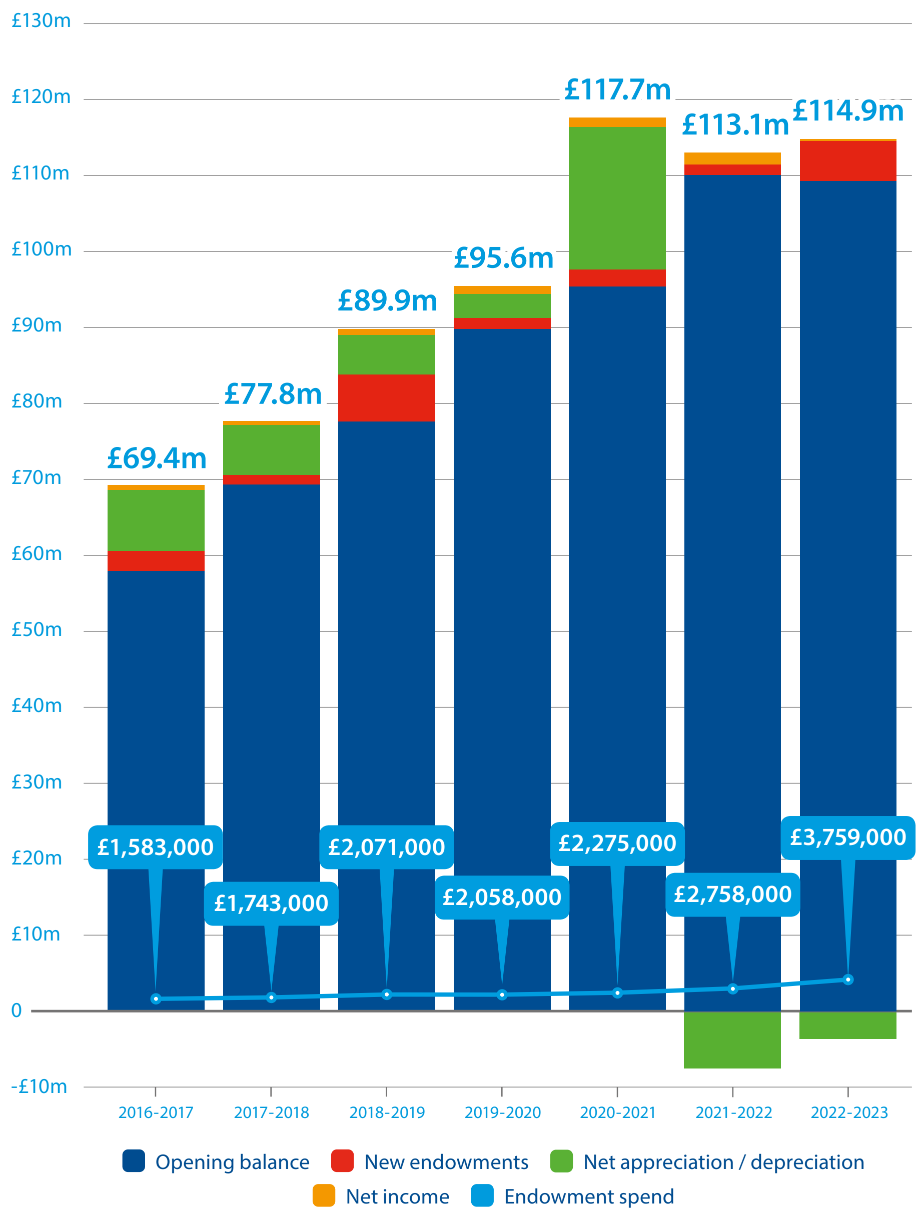


Target investment allocation

Strategic asset allocation v actual



Endowment value



Fundraising infographics

Philanthropic support
Our alumni, friends, parents and donors continued to show their overwhelming support during a year in which the cost of living crisis has continued to adversely impact the University, the situation in Ukraine is ongoing, and the world has weathered unprecedented natural disasters and socio-economic challenges.

In 2022-2023 the University of St Andrews raised £31.6m – the highest ever amount of new funds committed by donors. This is an increase from £24.6m in 2021-2022 which was, in itself, a new record at that time.

Facts and figures

University income
2022-2023

£322.4m

New Funds raised from philanthropy
2022-2023

£31.6m

including cash, pledges, gifts in kind and stock gifts

Campaign total at July 2023

£101,555,485

Recent and current **key projects**:

Mackenzie Institute for Early Diagnosis and Dementia Research

'New College'

Entrepreneurship

Sustainability projects

Over **£37m**

has been secured to support the development of these key projects.

More than

£30.4m

Raised over the last five years for **undergraduate** and **postgraduate scholarship awards**, and **other student support awards.**

£114.9m

University endowment at July 2023

4,787

donors made a gift during 2022-2023

£3.9m

£3.9m raised from direct mail, email appeals, telethon and crowd funding, with **6,839 donors** giving support to key projects from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2023.

A total of

29 legacies

received to the Chancellor's Circle totalling

£2,244,124

in 2022-2023

Awards:

September 2023

August 2023

TOP IN THE **UK** FOR **STUDENT POSITIVITY**

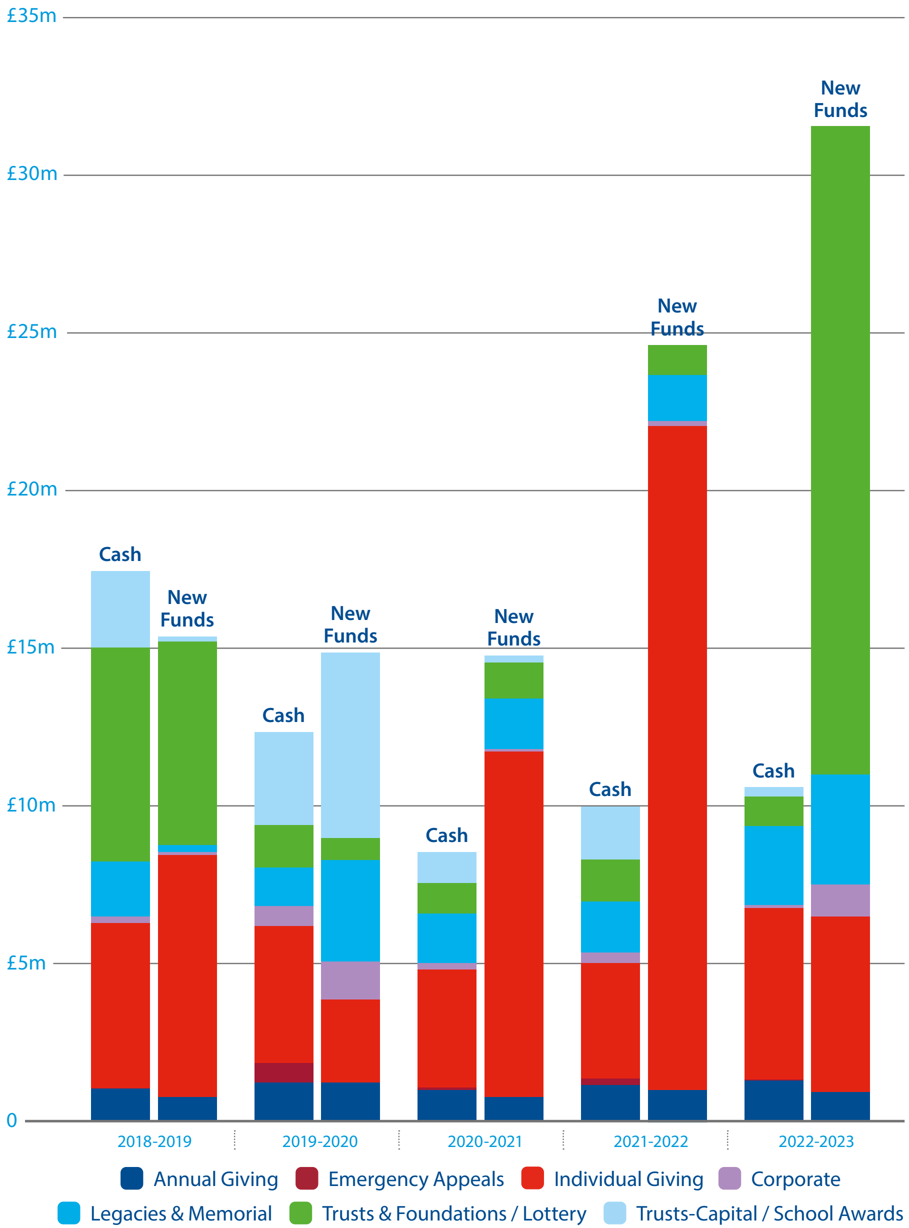
National Student Survey 2023

American Foundation
Est. 1985

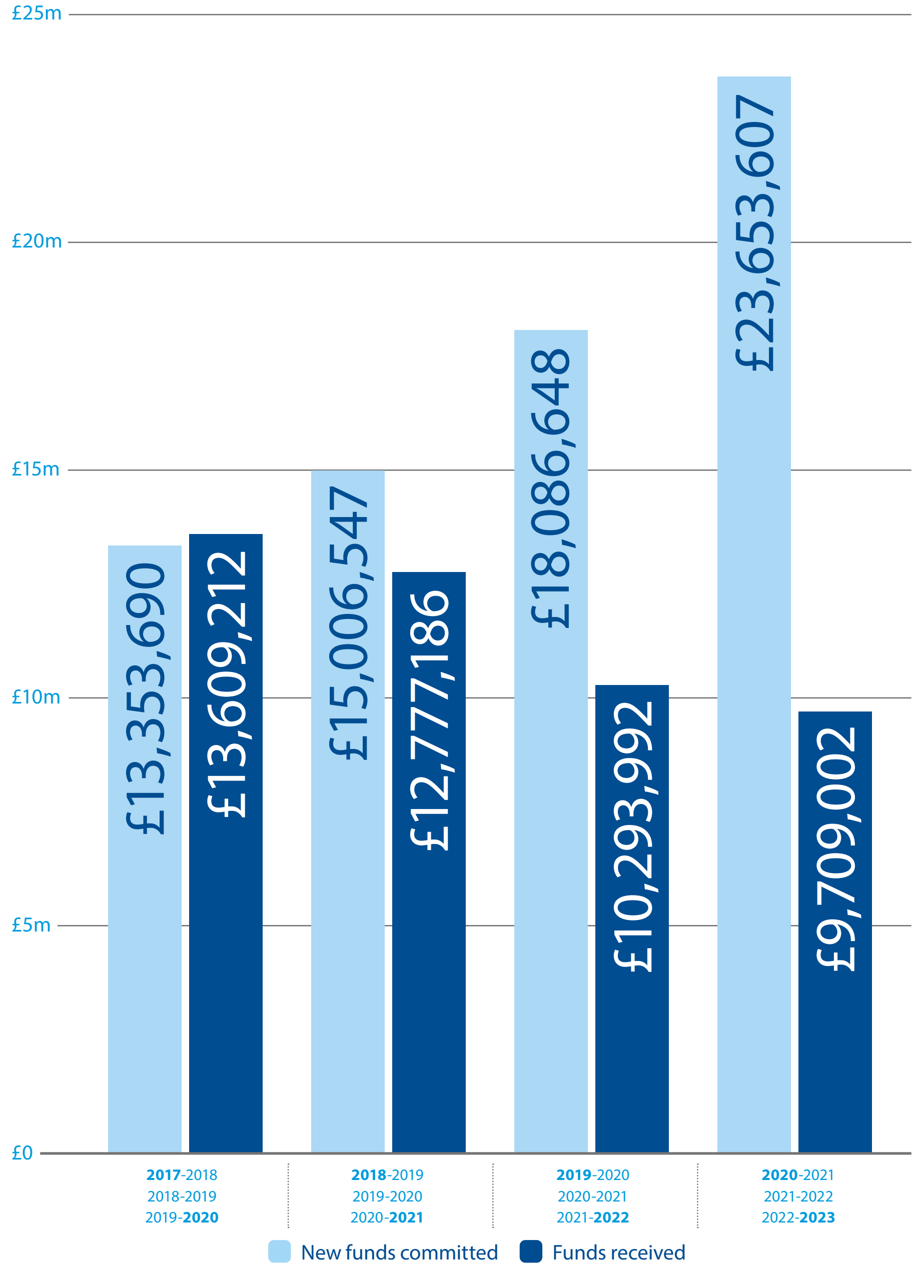
Hong Kong Foundation
Est. 2015

German Association
Est. 2017

Cash Received and New Funds, by giving type (2018-2023)



Donations: three-year averages (2017-2023)



Thanks to your support, we are moving forward with our bold, long-term vision for the future of St Andrews.

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