

Anglia Ruskin University

ARU's Books Plus scheme was introduced to support student learning through a targeted bursary. The university monitors student engagement through spending on the card and analyses the data to assess success and assist with strategy.

The Requirement

"The purpose of Books Plus is to support students with the cost of study resources and to encourage student engagement and a sense of belonging." **Julie Walkling - Director of Student Services**

The focus of the scheme is as follows:

- **1st and 2nd years:** Student engagement, success and learning
- **3rd year:** Employability

The Scheme

- The scheme is universal
- Students receive £400 each year of study
- The bursary can be spent on learning resources, gym membership, and SU goods and services including clubs and societies
- Non-engagement at start of the 1st year is one of the at risk flags used by ARU

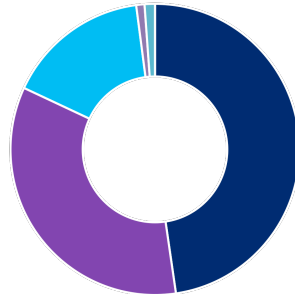


The Outcomes

- The Students Union successfully campaigned for more money to be made available via the scheme
- The scheme has helped meet the costs of study and is regarded as a key element in the support provided
- NSS has improved by 6% in 2014 continuing an upward trend

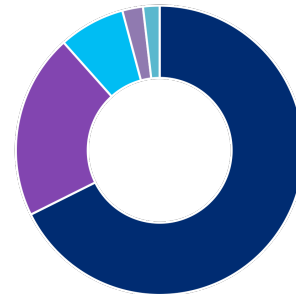
Example outcomes:

Books Plus helped me perform better on my modules



■ Strongly agree ■ Agree
■ Neither agree or disagree ■ Disagree
■ Strongly disagree

Without Books Plus I would have struggled to buy all my textbooks



■ Strongly agree ■ Agree
■ Neither agree or disagree ■ Disagree
■ Strongly disagree

