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Students Eligible for Funding 2018-19

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Summary: To inform stakeholders of the enrolments of students eligible for funding at Scottish Higher Education institutions in 2018-19

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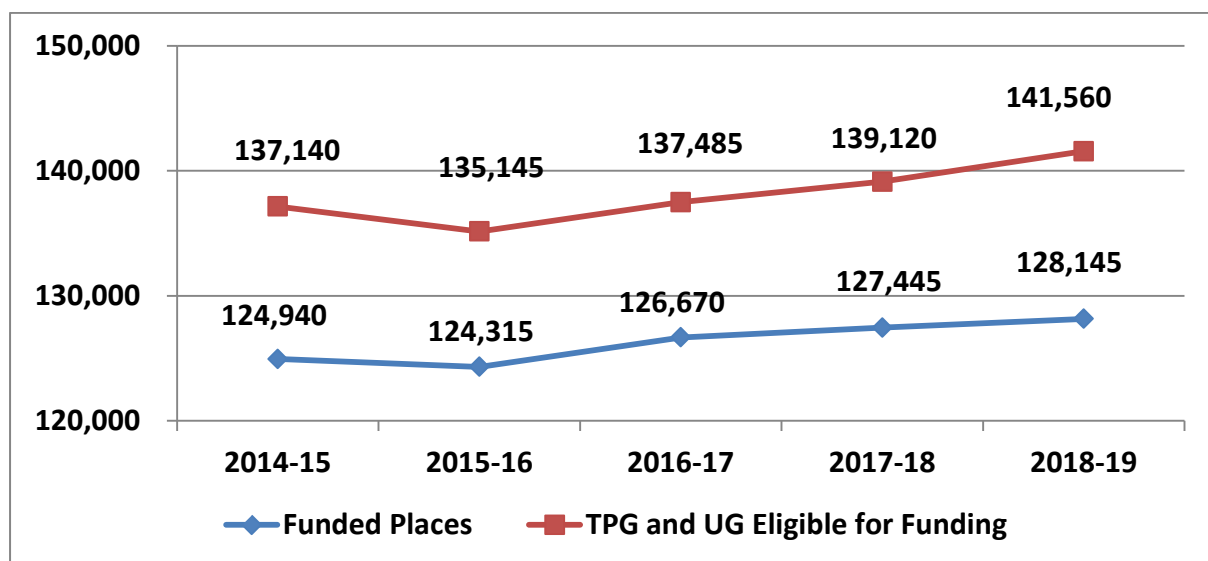
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Executive Summary

- The total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) number of students eligible for funding (definition provided in paragraph 2) in 2018-19 was 149,230, an increase of 2,410 (1.6%) from the previous year.
- Between 2014-15 and 2018-19 there was an increase of 4,965 (3.4%) FTE students eligible for funding.
- Of the total FTE students eligible for funding in 2018-19, 85.9% were undergraduates, 9.0% taught postgraduates and 5.1% research postgraduates.
- Between 2017-18 and 2018-19 the FTE number of undergraduate students eligible for funding increased by 1.5%; taught postgraduates increased by 4.2%; and research postgraduates decreased by -0.4%.
- Between 2014-15 and 2018-19 the FTE number of undergraduate students eligible for funding increased by 1.9%; taught postgraduates increased by 17.8%; and research postgraduates increased by 7.6%.
- For each of the past five years the FTE number of students eligible for funding has exceeded the number of funded places by at least 8.5%, see the graph below. Please see paragraph 25 for further details.

Funded Places and Taught Postgraduate and Undergraduate Students Eligible for Funding in AY 2014-15 to AY 2018-19



Students Eligible for Funding 2018-19: Key Statistics



149,230

FTE* eligible for funding
3.4% increase since 2014-15, **p.7**

13,430

FTE number of taught postgrads
17.8% increase since 2014-15, **p.8**



10.5%

the percentage of eligible
FTEs, over funded places
in 2018-19, **p.10**

*Full-Time Equivalent - see definition on Appendix E, p.22