

Policy for central funding of applications software

An applications software package to be mounted on central servers and/or open access workstations will, funds permitting, be financed centrally from the information systems strategy budget if:

- the package is to be used by at least two departments or centres,
- AND/OR the package is to be used significantly in one or more courses involving a reasonably high number of students,
- AND/OR the funding is for an extension to licences on an existing centrally funded package which is demonstrably in significant successful use.

In all cases reasonable justification or evidence will be required from the departments or centres requesting the package, who will be asked to consider the most cost-effective way of using the package so as for example to minimise the number of licences required.

Requests for purchasing, with appropriate justification, should be submitted to the Assistant Director (Bret Giddings, email bret) and the Director of IT Services (Richard Murphy, email rmurphy).

All decisions on central funding will be made by the Director of IT Services in consultation with the ICT Steering Group.

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