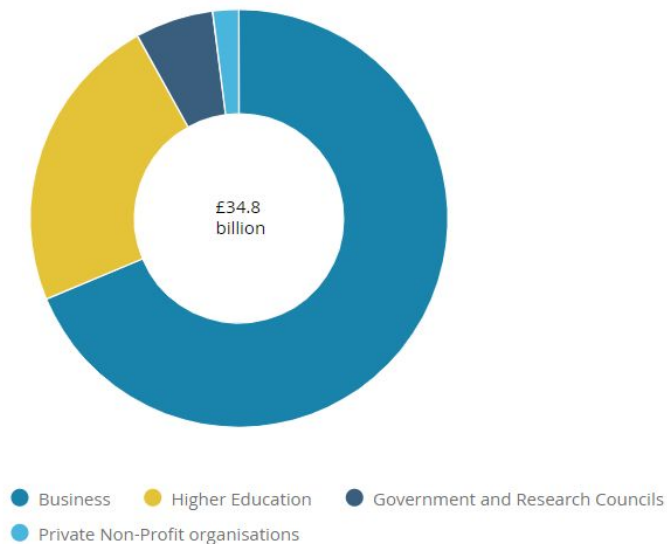


# RESEARCH & FUNDING

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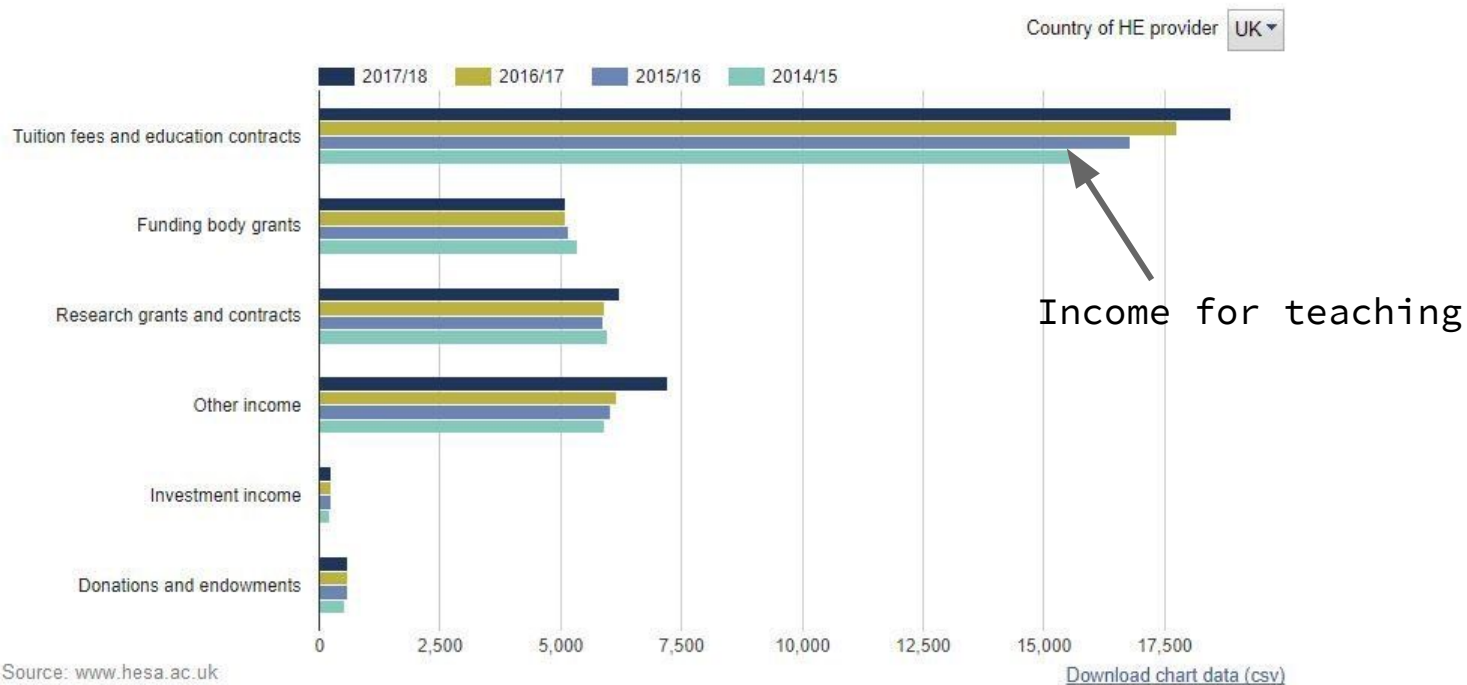
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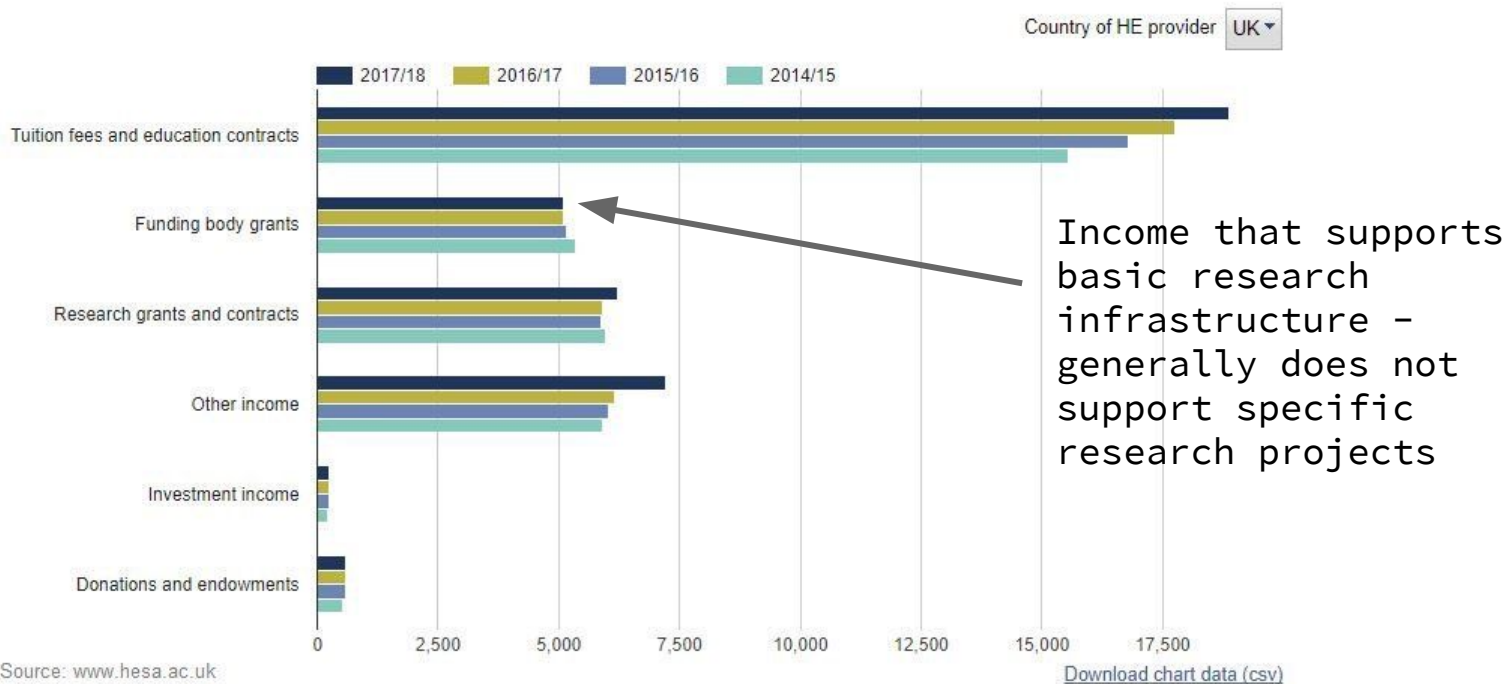
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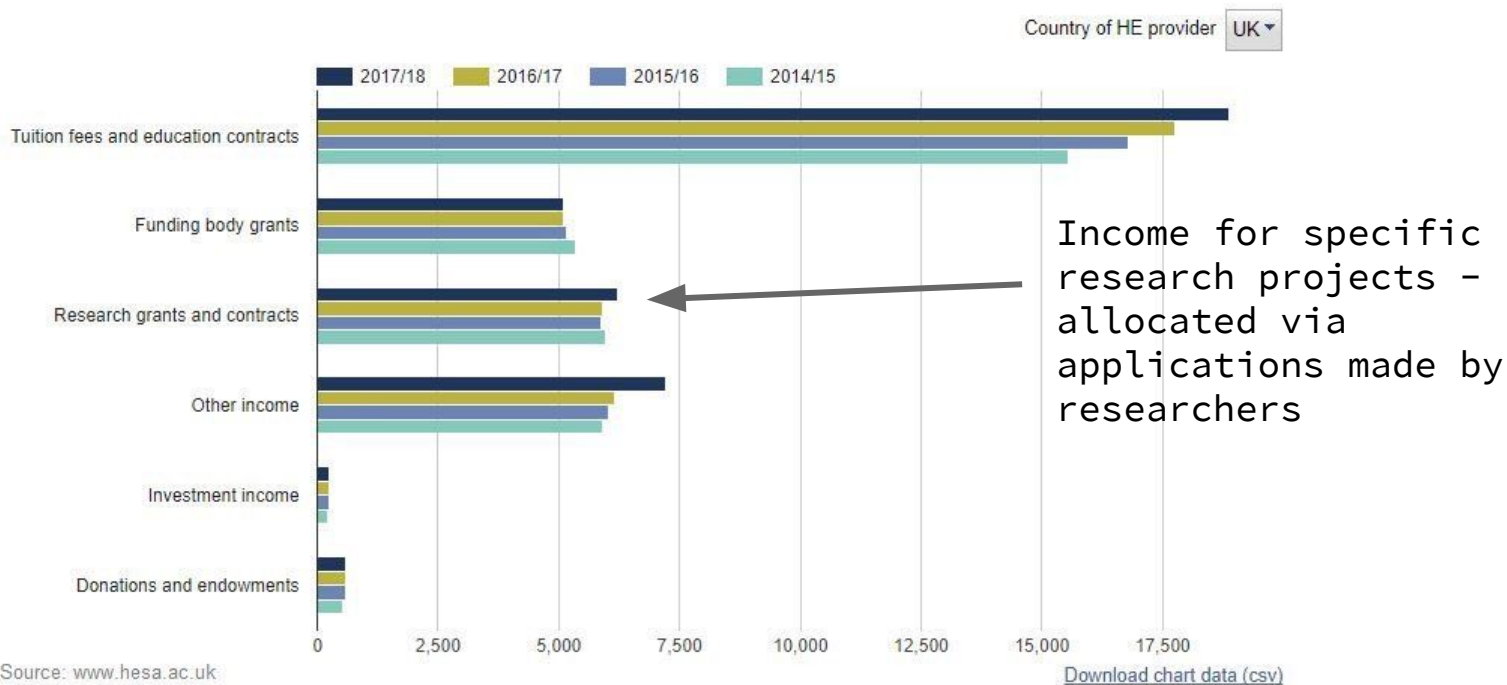
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Research Council



Innovate UK

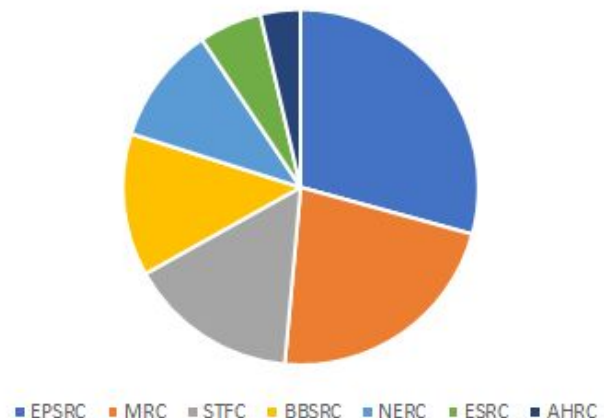


# RESEARCH COUNCILS: HOW MUCH DO THEY SPEND?

Research council grants are paid for from tax.

Approximately **£2.7 billion** resource spend (including grant funding) in 2019/20.

% of total resource funding (2019-2020)



# OTHER SOURCES OF RESEARCH FUNDING



European Research Council

Established by the European Commission

LEVERHULME  
TRUST



SafetyNet  
TECHNOLOGIES



CANCER  
RESEARCH  
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