

ACE engineering and higher education survey findings, November 2009

This table summarises findings from ACE's survey of leading engineering universities. The survey attempted to gauge the impact of cuts to higher education teaching budgets announced by HEFCE in the summer of 2009, along with the uptake of the extra 10,000 STEM places announced by the Government in 2009.

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Institution	Cutting places?	Areas being cut	Change in engineering places for:		When cuts take effect?	Offering extra STEM places?
			Undergraduates	Postgraduates		
A	No	n/a	No change	No change	n/a	No
B	No	n/a	No change	No change	n/a	Yes – and have filled them all
C	No	n/a	No change	No change	n/a	No – as places are unfunded, so would lose out financially
D	No	n/a	No change	No change	n/a	No – as places are unfunded, but more postgraduates would be welcome if funding were there
E	No	n/a	No change (UK students)	No change (UK students)	n/a	No – not financially viable as no extra funding for these places.
F	Yes (on some progs)	No cuts overall, but some rebalancing of availability between programmes	No change overall	No change overall	n/a	Undecided – already at capacity for STEM courses, and extra places would require extra resources.
G	No	n/a	No change	No change	n/a	Yes – around 130. Had previously asked for more places from HEFCE, but had been rejected.
H	Yes (on some progs)	No cuts overall for engineering, but rebalanced between programmes	No change	No change	n/a	No – but could have accepted an extra 30-40 over the next three or four years.
I	No	n/a	52 extra UK-based students	Significant increase in UK PhD and OS MSc	n/a	Yes – offered 52; all recruited,
J	No	n/a	No change	Increase due to more applications	n/a	No – as unfunded. Not helpful to educate people for free.
K	Yes (on some progs)	Niche courses and those with high levels of ELQ. Not engineering.	Small increase (in the 10s)	Small increase	n/a	Yes – accepting 50. Were offered 160, but penalties for over-recruitment still apply.
L	No	n/a	10% up	15% up	n/a	Yes – regional need for engineers as economy recovers