

Dear Applicant,

Freedom of Information request reference K/20/057

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 30 January 2020, reference K/20/057.

Your request read:

“The following questions relate to the School of Earth and Environment at Leeds University, referred to as 'the School':

- 1) How much funding has the School received directly from the coal, oil and gas sector over the last five years?
- 2) Which research (if any) in the School is currently funded by the coal, oil and gas sector?
- 3) Does the School have a written policy or statement with regard to its ethical acceptance of funding from the coal, oil and gas sector?”

The University of Leeds holds this information. For your convenience we have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

- 1) **How much funding has the School received directly from the coal, oil and gas sector over the last five years?**

Please note that we have interpreted ‘the last five years’ to refer to the previous five academic years (2014/15 – 2018/19).

Between 2014/15 and 2018/19, the School of Earth and Environment received a total of £5.3m in research funding via oil and gas companies, with no monies received from coal companies. A total of £5.9m was received in non-research funding over the same period.

- 2) **Which research (if any) in the School is currently funded by the coal, oil and gas sector?**

The University of Leeds’s “Petroleum Leeds” research centre brings together Engineering and Geoscience expertise and offers a single point of contact for petroleum related research. Details of current (and recent) research projects are set out on the [research pages](#) of the Petroleum Leeds website, and are broken down by research area. Please find below a list of active research projects which have funding from the oil/gas sector:

- Fault Seal in Carbonates
- Controls on the 3D architecture of submarine channel and lobe systems
- Fluvial Research Group
- GLOBE
- The Earth Model Project
- Stratigraphic trap architecture in channelized lobe settings
- Petrophysics of Tight Gas Sandstones

- Turbidites Research Group
- Oil reservoir geochemistry
- Basin Structure Group
- Ponged Minibasin Evolution

Further details of these projects can be found on the School of Earth and Environment's [research pages](#).

3) Does the School have a written policy or statement with regard to its ethical acceptance of funding from the coal, oil and gas sector?

The School of Earth and Environment does not currently have its own policy or statement with regard to acceptance of funding from the coal, oil and/or gas sector. However, the School is committed to the University's position, set out in our [seven principles for climate action](#) to reorient our research and teaching away from the fossil fuel sector, and looking more widely across all sectors.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions about this email, however, please do not hesitate to contact us on foi@leeds.ac.uk

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can request an Internal Review. Requests for Internal Review should be made in writing using the following contact information:

Post: Mr D Wardle
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The University of Leeds
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Email: foi@leeds.ac.uk

Requests for Internal Review should be submitted within 40 working days of receiving the University's response to your request. Further information about how the University manages Freedom of Information requests and about our complaints procedure is also available on our website (www.leeds.ac.uk).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review/complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind regards

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