

From: Freedom of Information

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To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/337)

Dear

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Thank you for your clarified Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 27 October 2020 reference K/20/337.

Your original request read:

“As such, I am looking for answers to the following questions:

1. How many students have deferred their place at the university until the 2021/22 academic year?
2. What is the expected size of the cohort of students starting at the university in the 2021/22 academic year?
3. How many students have/ will start at the university in the 2020/21 academic year, having deferred their place?
4. What was the size of the cohort of students who started studying at the university in the 2020/21 academic year?
5. How many students started at the university in the 2019/20 academic year, having deferred their place?
6. What was the size of the cohort of students who started studying at the university in the 2019/20 academic year?”

Your clarification read:

“My query regards all students – however, it would be useful if you could send the information broken down into undergraduate and postgraduate students if that's possible.”

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

1. How many students have deferred their place at the university until the 2021/22 academic year?

There are 482 Undergraduate Unconditional Firm Offer Holders who applied for 2020/21 entry and have since asked to defer their entry to 2021/22.

There are 6133 Postgraduate Taught (PGR) Offer holders who applied for 2020/21 entry and have since asked to defer their entry to 2021/22.

191 Postgraduate Research (PGR) applicants have deferred their start date until the 2021/22 academic year.

2. What is the expected size of the cohort of students starting at the university in the 2021/22 academic year?

We do not yet have a definitive estimate for the 2021/22 student cohort. Student Number Planning is part of a structured planning exercise which considers a number of variables before plan numbers are agreed. Plan numbers for the following cycle are usually not finalised until March each year. 2021/22 student numbers will therefore be finalised in approximately March 2021.

3. How many students have/ will start at the university in the 2020/21 academic year, having deferred their place?

Of those Undergraduate Unconditional Firm Offer holders who applied for 2019/20 entry and asked to defer to 2020/21, 199 have registered so far.

Of those PGT Offer holders who applied for 2019/20 entry and asked to defer to 2020/21, 403 have registered so far. However, Registration for January 2021 programmes does not open until December 2020, so this number is not final.

106 PGR applicants who have deferred their start date have accepted their place to start in the 2021/22 academic year

4. What was the size of the cohort of students who started studying at the university in the 2020/21 academic year?

Registration is not complete for the 2020/21 academic year as we have a cohort of PGT students who will start in January 2021, and Research Postgraduate students who start throughout the year. The numbers below therefore only reflect registrations as at 9th November 2020;

There have been 9,103 Undergraduate registrations; 3,507 PGT registrations and; 722 PGR registrations so far.

5. How many students started at the university in the 2019/20 academic year, having deferred their place?

Of those Undergraduate Unconditional Firm Offer holders who applied for 2018/19 entry and asked to defer to 2019/20, 240 students registered

Of those PGT Unconditional Firm Offer holders who applied for 2018/19 entry and asked to defer to 2019/20, 760 students registered.

48 PGR applicants started at the university in the 2019/20 academic year, having deferred their place.

6. What was the size of the cohort of students who started studying at the university in the 2019/20 academic year?

There were 9,138 Undergraduate registrations; 7,762 PGT registrations and; 894 PGR registrations.

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:

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Kind regards

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