

**From:** Freedom of Information

**Sent:** 16 November 2020 15:18

**To:**

**Subject:** Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/322)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 20 August 2020, reference K/20/322.

Your request read:

“(1) For the financial years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 and information available for 2020/21, I would like to be provided with details on accepted donations (worth over £10,000), gifts (worth over £10,000), grants (worth over £10,000) and research funding (worth over £10,000) that have come from Chinese individuals, Chinese companies, Chinese charities, Chinese government departments/agencies, and other Chinese organisations.

For each donation, gift, grant and research funding, I would like the following information:

- Provide the name of the Chinese individual/company/charity/government department/agency/organisation that gave the donation/gift/grant/research funding
- The date the university accepted such donation, gift, grant and research funding
- The sum and description of the accepted donation, gift, grant and research funding
- A description of what the donation, gift, grant and research funding was used for

(2) Also, for the financial years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 and information available for 2020/21, I would like to be provided with details on donations (worth over £10,000), gifts (worth over £10,000), grants (worth over £10,000) and research funding (worth over £10,000) that have come from Chinese individuals, Chinese companies, Chinese charities, Chinese government departments/agencies, and other Chinese organisations which have been rejected by the university.

For each rejected donation, gift, grant and research funding, please provide the following information:

- Provide the name of the Chinese individual/company/charity/government department/agency/organisation that gave the donation/gift/grant/research funding
- The date the university rejected such donation, gift, grant and research funding
- The sum and description of the rejected donation, gift, grant and research funding
- The reasons why the donation, gift, grant and research funding was rejected”

The University of Leeds holds some information relevant to your request.

In relation to part one of your request (accepted funding), we can advise that there have been three relevant research projects, and one relevant grant within the timeframe of your request. There have been no relevant donations or gifts.

We are bound by a confidentiality clause within the research contract of one research project, and we are therefore unable to provide any further information in relation to it. Information regarding this project is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 41 of the FOI Act.

Section 41 sets out information is from disclosure if it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and, the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.

Section 41 is an absolute exemption and therefore not subject to the public interest test.

Please find the information we are able to release in the table below. Where possible we have provided relevant web links which may be of use to you in your research going forwards.

Type	Name of funder	Date of payments	Value	Description
Research	Petrochina Hangzhou Research	27 November 2019; 11 March 2020;	£90,000	<a href="#">LOBE 3</a>
Research	Zhejiang JIULI Hi-Tech Metals Co Ltd	27 December 2018; 27 August 2019; 24 February 2020	£540,000	JIULI Corrosion and Integrity Centre in University of Leeds  See <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a>
Grant	British Council	26 March 2019	£71,000	Grant awarded to the University from the British Council for the purposes of the <a href="#">UK-</a>

We do not hold any record of rejected donations, gifts, grants or research funding. 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](mailto: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  
Deputy Secretary  
The University of Leeds  
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Email: [foi@leeds.ac.uk](mailto: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](http://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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