

From: Freedom of Information

Sent: 14 December 2020 16:02

To:

Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/486)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 23 November 2020, reference K/20/486.

Your request read:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the number of hardship fund requests received, accepted, rejected, and the total amount awarded over the past 11 months including for what is available up to the current date in this month of November, categorised by month?”

Separately, please also provide the total amount awarded for the year 2019.”

The University of Leeds holds this information.

The following tables show a monthly breakdown of awards made to students in hardship during 2020. It has a breakdown of the number of applications submitted, the number of awards made, and the total value of those awards (per month). It also include a column showing the additional hardship awards made to students who are part of the [Plus Programme](#), who were not required to apply via the normal hardship fund application route.

Please note that as applications can take up to four weeks to be assessed and finalised, some months may have more awards made than there were applications; this is because the applications were received in the preceding month.

| Month | Number of applications received | Number of applications accepted/awarded | Values of awards | Hardship awards made to Plus Programme students |
|--------|---------------------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Jan-20 | 15 | 12 | £22,515.65 | £0.00 |
| Feb-20 | 33 | 14 | £25,554.55 | £0.00 |
| Mar-20 | 42 | 24 | £32,348.28 | £3,913.50 |
| Apr-20 | 45 | 15 | £19,201.72 | £7,301.19 |
| May-20 | 13 | 9 | £4,767.75 | £400.00 |
| Jun-20 | 28 | 21 | £17,079.68 | £71,700.00 |
| Jul-20 | 20 | 10 | £10,974.00 | £132,975.00 |
| Aug-20 | 12 | 18 | £23,008.76 | £0.00 |
| Sep-20 | 10 | 7 | £9,360.31 | £0.00 |
| Oct-20 | 17 | 11 | £15,050.00 | £0.00 |
| Nov-20 | 21 | 8 | £12,485.39 | £0.00 |

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| Totals | 256 | 149 | £192,346.09 | £216,289.69 |
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| Total 2019 calendar year spend | £244,198.33 |
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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
Deputy Secretary
The University of Leeds
Leeds
LS2 9JT

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

Chloe Wilkins
Freedom of Information Officer

Secretariat
University of Leeds