Dear [Applicant],

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 9 January 2020, reference K/20/019

Your request read:

“1) How many scientific or engineering based start up companies and spin out companies have been created from your University each year for the last 5 years?
2) Of these companies, how many of them received private investment of over £100,000 within 1 year of starting up?
3) What is the typical % share of equity the University has taken in Spin Out companies each year for the last 5 years? Is this negotiable?”

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

1) **How many scientific or engineering based start up companies and spin out companies have been created from your University each year for the last 5 years?**

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2) **Of these companies, how many of them received private investment of over £100,000 within 1 year of starting up?**

3) **What is the typical % share of equity the University has taken in Spin Out companies each year for the last 5 years? Is this negotiable?**

Please refer to the “Commercial Exploitation and Process” section of the University of Leeds Intellectual Property Rights Policy.

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
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.

Sincerely

**Chloe Wilkins**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**  
University of Leeds