Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 17 December 2019, reference J/19/524.

Your request read:

1. “The number of black students who were awarded a PhD by the university in the academic year of 2014/2015. And what percentage of the total number of students awarded a PhD that year, was this?
2. The number of black students who were awarded a PhD by the university in the academic year of 2015/2016. And what percentage of the total number of students awarded a PhD that year, was this?
3. The number of black students who were awarded a PhD by the university in the academic year of 2016/2017. And what percentage of the total number of students awarded a PhD that year, was this?
4. The number of black students who were awarded a PhD by the university in the academic year of 2017/2018. And what percentage of the total number of students awarded a PhD that year, was this?
5. The number of black students who were awarded a PhD by the university in the academic year of 2018/2019. And what percentage of the total number of students awarded a PhD that year, was this?”

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

1. **The number of black students who were awarded a PhD by the university in the academic year of 2014/2015. And what percentage of the total number of students awarded a PhD that year, was this?**

   30 students (5.6%)

2. **The number of black students who were awarded a PhD by the university in the academic year of 2015/2016. And what percentage of the total number of students awarded a PhD that year, was this?**

   41 students (8.0%)

3. **The number of black students who were awarded a PhD by the university in the academic year of 2016/2017. And what percentage of the total number of students awarded a PhD that year, was this?**

   45 students (7.5%)

4. **The number of black students who were awarded a PhD by the university in the academic year of 2017/2018. And what percentage of the total number of students awarded a PhD that year, was this?**

   30 students (4.8%)
5. The number of black students who were awarded a PhD by the university in the academic year of 2018/2019. And what percentage of the total number of students awarded a PhD that year, was this?

32 students (6.3%)

Part Time and Full Time PhDs have been included.

The number of Black students is counted as the sum of the following ethnicity categories:
- Black or Black British – Caribbean
- Black or Black British – African
- Other Black background

A number of students show with ethnicity as ‘Unknown’ (e.g. if the student has not provided this information). These students have been excluded from the percentage calculations.

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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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.

Sincerely

Chloe Wilkins
Freedom of Information Officer

University of Leeds