From: Freedom of Information  
Sent: 24 February 2021 16:05  
To:  
Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/080)

Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/080)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 9 February 2021, reference K/21/080.

Your request read:

“I would be grateful if you could tell me the number of Masters degree applications (this isn’t just ones that have been accepted, but the number of applications in total) you have received for all of your Masters courses, for the following time frames:

For the 2020/2021 academic year from when applications opened.
For the 2019/2020 academic year from when applications opened.”

The University of Leeds holds this information.

The below figures are for taught masters submitted into our main application system:

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<th>2019/20</th>
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<tr>
<td>Before September</td>
<td>750</td>
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<td>September</td>
<td>7,363</td>
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<td>11,661</td>
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<td>January</td>
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<td>September</td>
<td>297</td>
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<td>After September</td>
<td>382</td>
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Applications for these cycles opened in September of each year. Applications recorded as being received “before September” relate to deferred applications originally submitted in a previous year.
Please note that, in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, some masters programmes moved to a January start date, which impacted on when applications were received. As such, a change in the number of applications received in a particular month does not necessarily equate to a change in demand.

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.

Yours sincerely

Chloe Wilkins  
Freedom of Information Officer

Secretariat  
University of Leeds