Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/126)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 9 March 2021, reference K/21/126.

Your request read:

“I’d like to make an FOI request about Academic Technology Approval Scheme use at your institution. My questions:

1. How many of your courses require ATAS for international students to join the programs?

2. Per academic year for the previous five years, how many ATAS applications have been made by international students to join your courses in total?

3. Per academic year for the previous five years, how many ATAS applications made by international students have been rejected in total?

4. Within the total ATAS rejections, what are the most common five nationalities?”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

We can confirm that there are currently 293 courses offered by the University of Leeds which require an ATAS certificate.

Applications to ATAS are made to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and as such we do not hold any information in relation to questions two, three and four of your request. Should you wish to submit an FOI request to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development office, you can do so using the contact information set out below:

Email: information.rights@fcdo.gov.uk

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:
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

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