From: Freedom of Information  
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To:  
Subject: Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/328)

Dear

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 23 June 2021, reference K/21/328.

Your request read:

“(1) Can you provide me with admission statistics for all of your postgraduate programs, both generally and for Chinese students?

Specifically, I’d like to know for each individual program, how many total students applied, how many total students were given offers, how many Chinese students applied, and how many Chinese students were given offers.

Please provide this data for each year, for the last 5 years of entry that you have this data available.

(2) If available, please also provide me with a list of all Chinese educational institutions that your university is willing to accept applicants from, along with an explanation of whether your university is willing to consider applications from students from other Chinese institutions not on that list. If this varies between individual schools or departments in your university, please provide this information for each school or department.”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

In relation to question one, please find the programme name, number of applications, number of offers and number of acceptances set out in the attached spreadsheet. Please note the following:

• We only hold information for the last four years, rather than five.
• An individual may apply to more than one postgraduate programme and receive multiple offers
• Some applicants may subsequently have deferred to study in a later year
• Applications for pre-sessional language courses are not included
• PT in the programme name indicates a part-time variant of the course

Where the total number in a particular group is less than or equal to five, we are withholding the total figure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act.

Section 40(2) sets out that information is exempt from disclosure if it is the personal data of someone other than the person making the request, and disclosure would; contravene the data protection principles; contravene an objection to processing; or
if the data is exempt from the right of subject access. We consider that the release of this information would be likely to lead to the identification of individuals. This would be unfair and would therefore breach their data protection rights.

In relation to question two, for applicants from China at postgraduate level, applications are only accepted from students who studied at certain institutions.

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

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