Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/347)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 13 July 2021, reference K/21/347. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

Your request read:

“1) Please state the total in
a) Donations
b) Research grants

Your university has received from Chinese (People’s Republic) nationals in each of the last five financial years and the current financial year to date.

Please state what these payments were for (project title or sponsorship), and the identify of the benefactor.

Where this person is a public figure (e.g. Jack Ma), they could have no reasonable expectation of privacy under the DPA. Please limit this to donations or research grants over £5,000.

2) Please state the total in
a) Donations
b) Research grants

Your university has received from Chinese (People’s Republic) companies in each of the last five financial years and the current financial year to date.

Please state what these payments were for (project title or sponsorship), and the identify of the benefactor.

3) Please state the total in
a) Donations
b) Research grants

Your university has received from Chinese (People’s Republic) public authorities or other state sponsored bodies in each of the last five financial years and the current financial year to date.
Please state what these payments were for (project title or sponsorship), and the identity of the benefactor.”

The University of Leeds holds this information.

We have not received any donations or research grants of over £5000 from Chinese (People’s Republic) nationals within the last five financial years. This addresses question one of your request.

In relation to your second question, the University of Leeds has received a total of £1,228,429 from Chinese (People’s Republic) companies within the last five financial years. The companies we have received research funding from, and which we are able to disclose are as follows:

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<td>JIULI Corrosion and Integrity Centre</td>
<td>Zhejiang JIULI Hi-Tech Metals Co Ltd</td>
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<td>Development of a lubrication model for low speed marine engines</td>
<td>China Shipbuilding Power Engineering</td>
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<td>Accelerating large-scale deep natural language processing models</td>
<td>Alibaba DAMO Academy</td>
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<td>SinoChem Award</td>
<td>Sinochem Corporation</td>
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There are a further two grants for which we are bound by a confidentiality agreement which precludes us from providing any information regarding the name of the benefactor, project title or funding value. The value of these confidential projects is included in the total figure above, but we are withholding the remaining information under section 43(2) of the FOI Act.

Whether or not an organisation is currently working (or has previously worked) with a University is, in itself, sensitive information. To disclose the names of organisations with whom the University partners would provide competitor organisations with information which they would not ordinarily have access to. This, in turn, would be likely to have a reputational impact (either positive or negative) on the organisations, which may impact on their position in the marketplace. We consider it likely that this would be likely to dissuade organisations from working with the University in future, reducing the University’s ability to secure funding, participate in cutting-edge research and serve the needs of our students.

Section 43(2) of the FOI Act is a qualified exemption, which means that the University is required to conduct a public interest test. There is a general public interest inherent in the FOI Act which supports the disclosure of information on an open and transparent basis. We also consider there to be a general interest in understanding how the University earns and spends its money. However, we consider this interest to be met via University’s commitment to adhering to high ethical standards and the University’s values, which ensure our financial integrity.

We also consider there to be a strong and specific public interest in the University being able to work with corporate partners without undue interference or scrutiny.
The University of Leeds is a world-leader in innovation and research and there is a very strong public interest in ensuring this work can continue.

As such, we are satisfied that the public interest in favour of disclosing the information is significantly outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption.

In relation to your final question, the University of Leeds has received a total of £25,414.69 from the following Chinese (People’s Republic) public authorities/state sponsored bodies within the last five financial years:

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<td>Beijing Life Oasis Public Service Center</td>
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<td>Small pump-priming</td>
<td>UK-Jiangsu World Class University Consortium</td>
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<td>Friendship and International Community</td>
<td>Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation</td>
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<td>UK-China Joint Research – WANG CHANG (also known as CHANG WANG)</td>
<td>British Council, China</td>
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<td>UK-China Joint Research and Innovation Partnership Fund</td>
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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
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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.

Yours sincerely

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