

Charlotte Rawlings
By email: request-716648-fcf2a467@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Charlotte Rawlings,

G00038: Freedom of Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 7 January 2021 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act").

Please find below your question, with the University's corresponding response.

Question

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

For the upcoming 2021 academic year, so far, from when applications opened in 2020.

For the 2020 academic year from when applications opened in 2019.

For the 2019 academic year from when applications opened in 2018

Answer

In accordance with [Section 1\(a\)](#) of the Act, we confirm that the University holds information of the description specified in your request.

Entry Year	Applications
2018/19	30302
2019/20	36592

The Information sought in response to the current 2021 academic year will be published by HESA at a future date, and so is exempt from disclosure by virtue of [Section 22](#) of the Act, subject to a public interest test.

In assessing the public interest test we have considered [recommendations by the Information Commissioner's Office](#). As section 22 is a qualified exemption, the University has considered whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

As HESA is an official agency for publicising this data and this data should be published within the reasonably near future, it would not be of greater public interest to disclose this data prior to the HESA publication date.

If you do not feel that we have dealt with your request in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act, you may request a review. Your request for a review should specify in what respect you consider that the requirements of [Part I](#) have not been met. Please address your request to the Chief Operating Officer by completing a FoI Review request by completing the form at available [here](#) and selecting FoI review.

In accordance with section 5.3 of the [Code of Practice](#), a request for a review must be sent within 40 working days of the date of this letter. The University is not obliged to accept any requests for a review beyond 40 working days. We will acknowledge your request for a review and endeavour to respond within 20 working days of its receipt but please note that a deadline for a review response is not prescribed by the Act.

The Information Commissioner is responsible for enforcing rights of access to information and the operation of the publication scheme. You may apply to the Information Commissioner in writing (FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF) or [electronically](#) for a decision whether, in any specified respect, your request for information has been dealt with by the University in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act. The Information Commissioner will not normally take action unless they are satisfied that the University's review procedure has been exhausted.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "foi". The letters are lowercase and written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.