

Peter Cui

By email: request-895217-9da6b19f@whatdotheyknow.com

25 October 2022

Dear Peter Cui,

G01249: Freedom of Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 7 September 2022 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “Act”).

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

Question

Dear University of Southampton,

under the Freedom of Information act, I would like to know for every postgraduate programme (both taught and research) for the 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18 admission cycles:

- the programme name,
- the programme code,
- the number of applications,
- the number of offers made,
- the number of acceptances.

Please provide the data in an excel spreadsheet.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Cui

URL: https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/postgraduate_admission_statistic_113

Answer

In accordance with [Section 1\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the Act, we confirm that the University holds information of the description specified in your request. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

The information you have requested for academic years 2017/18; 2018/19; 2019/20 and 2020/21 is publicly available from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) on the following link:

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/students>. The information for the academic year 2021/22 is not available yet. HESA provides detailed data and analysis about the activities of universities, and is the official agency for the collection, analysis and dissemination of quantitative information about higher education in the UK. HESA publish the [date of upcoming releases](#) on their site.

HESA also provides custom data analysis requests, including a detailed custom analysis about the University of Southampton: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/services/custom/data/timescales-costs>.

As the information you have requested is available at this time through HESA, it is reasonably accessible to you by other means, and the disclosure is exempt by virtue of [section 21](#).

The Information sought for 2021/2022 will be published at a future date via HESA, 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 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 **must** specify in what respect you consider that the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act have not been met; mere dissatisfaction with our response is insufficient. Please address your request for a review by completing the [form](#) 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 act unless they are satisfied that the University's review procedure has been exhausted.

Yours sincerely,

