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Our Ref: FOI 2020/102-F1206216

Dear Jiayi Zheng,

Re: Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Request for Information

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 29 February 2020 timed 18:06 hours, requesting the following information:

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- 1) If an undergraduate student (non-EU) is enrolled in Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences in HK, without being in final year of the degree, and is planning on withdraw from the current degree if getting admitted by A100, will this student be eligible for A100 application? If yes, will university GPA be taken into consideration when assessing the applicant?**
 - 2) May I request the IB result of students being admitted to A100 program from 2016-2019, with classification on whether the student is EU or international?**
 - 3) May I request the assessing of applicants: based on what standards will they be selected for interview, and based on what standards will they be given offer?**
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University's Response

- 1) If an undergraduate student (non-EU) is enrolled in Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences in HK, without being in final year of the degree, and is planning on withdraw from the current degree if getting admitted by A100, will this student be eligible for A100 application? If yes, will university GPA be taken into consideration when assessing the applicant?**

Applicants who have commenced a degree other than medicine can apply through UCAS and have their application considered, providing they meet the University's minimum academic entry requirements (with relevant qualifications obtained within seven years of the proposed entry date) and they have completed the UCAT by the deadline date in the same year as application. The School of Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing would not take into consideration any part of the Biomedical Sciences degree already undertaken.

- 2) May I request the IB result of students being admitted to A100 program from 2016-2019, with classification on whether the student is EU or international?**

This information is not recorded within the admissions database. Therefore, the University has estimated that the cost of responding to this question will exceed the fee limit as set out in the

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Freedom of Information (Fees for Required Disclosure) (Scotland) Regulations 2004. As a result, we are not obliged to provide a response. The fee limit set down by the Regulations is £600, and in this instance this equates to staff time capped at a rate of £15 per hour. It is estimated that providing the information requested would exceed the prescribed cost limit of £600 as it would require a manual review of approximately 1080 student applications/files.

Please be advised that a modified request will be given due consideration. Any modification of your request will be treated as a new request for the purposes of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For information, the minimum IB requirements for entry to the course are:
38 Points including Chemistry HL6 and Biology HL6 plus one other HL subject at grade 6. Mathematics or Physics at HL is preferred, however, SL6 will also be accepted.
English at SL6 is also required.

Please note that the Medical School does not give preference to applicants who exceed these minimum requirements.

3) May I request the assessing of applicants: based on what standards will they be selected for interview, and based on what standards will they be given offer?

Interviews are allocated on the basis of the four components of the application - academic attainment, personal statement, reference and UCAT, which are considered equally. Applicants who meet minimum academic requirements, have a satisfactory personal statement and reference are ranked by their total UCAT score. Interviews are normally allocated to the top performing students in the UCAT rankings.

The range of scores we consider changes each year as the performance of each admissions cohort varies. Additionally, we are required to manage the number of students admitted to our programme in line with targets set by the Scottish Government and the Scottish Funding Council (i.e. Home/EU, Rest of UK and International). Therefore the lowest total UCAT score we consider for interview each year may vary based on the applicant group.

Performance at interview will determine whether an applicant is made a conditional offer.

For further statistical information on numbers of applicants over the last 3 years and UCAT score thresholds, please see the following link: https://www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media_475041_smx.pdf

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Should you be dissatisfied with the way in which the University has dealt with your request, you have the right to require us to review our actions and decisions. If you wish to request a review, please contact the University Deputy Secretary, University Court Office, Gilbert Scott Building, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland G12 8QQ or e-mail: foi@gla.ac.uk within 40 working days. Your request must be in a recordable format (letter, email, audio tape, etc). You will receive a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of its receipt.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request for review you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to review our decision. You must submit your complaint to the Commissioner within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner's Office may be contacted as follows:

Online Appeal Service:

Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

By post:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
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KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Fax: 01334 464611

E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

An appeal, on a point of law, to the Court of Session may be made against a decision by the Commissioner.

For further information on the review procedure please refer to

(<http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/dpfoioffice/policiesandprocedures/foisa-complaintsandreview/>)

All complaints regarding requests for information will be handled in accordance with this procedure.

Yours sincerely,

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