



Yiping Niu  
By email

Reference: FOI-2021-342

6 May 2021

Dear Yiping Niu,

Your request was received on 12 April 2021 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

*I am writing to kindly request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding each Singapore applicant of PBS (psychological and behavioural sciences) in the past 5 years*

- 1) their H2 and H3 subjects (if they chose H3 subject)*
- 2) their predicted grades*
- 3) whether they were shortlisted for an interview*
- 4) their interview score*
- 5) whether they were given an offer by that college, or they rejected or pulled elsewhere*

This information is attached insofar as it is held. We do not hold information to answer questions 3 and 4: all interview processes for entry to undergraduate degree courses at the University are set and managed locally by each of the individual Colleges, each of which is a separate legal entity and public authority under the Act. The data has been aggregated across the five-year period to prevent the risk of any individual being identified. In presenting the information in this way, the University is engaging the exemption at section 40(3A)(a) of the Act because the release of the raw data would breach the first data protection principle (the fair, lawful and transparent processing of personal data) as set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation. This part of section 40 confers absolute exemption under the Act.

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Yours sincerely,

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