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Dear Beilei Xiang

Freedom of information request

Thank you for your email of 13 December 2018 requesting postgraduate admissions statistics.

The University of Edinburgh is a global university, rooted in Scotland. We are globally recognised for our research, development and innovation and we have provided world-class teaching to our students for more than 425 years. We are the largest university in Scotland and in 2017/18 our annual revenue was £984 million, of which over £279 million was research income. We have over 41,000 students and over 10,200 full-time equivalent staff. We are a founding member of the UK's Russell Group of leading research universities and a member of the League of European Research Universities.

In 2017/18 the University had 15,361 taught and research postgraduate students studying full-time and part-time. We are committed to providing a wealth of resources and opportunities to enable our postgraduates to benefit from our inspiring research culture. Our academics are leaders in their fields and the University is also committed to delivering high-quality, innovative teaching. The latest report from the Quality Assurance Agency awarded us the highest rating possible for the quality of the student learning experience. More information on our postgraduate degree programmes is available on our website at www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/introduction.

Postgraduate admissions statistics

You asked for a list of the postgraduate degree programmes offered by the University in the 2017/18 academic year, and for the number of applicants, offer holders, and entrants to each. I have enclosed this information. More information about each programme is contained within the University's *Degree Regulations and Programmes of Study*, published on our website at <http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/>.

The figures in the table show applications rather than applicants; a single applicant can apply to numerous programmes in the same admissions cycle. The figures also show both conditional and unconditional offers. Visiting student statistics are excluded.

You will see that I have not provided the exact number where the number is fewer than five. This is because disclosing these low numbers could enable individuals to be identified. This would breach data protection legislation. The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 does not require us to provide this sort of information as it is exempt under section 38(1)(b).

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Yours sincerely

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Enc. University of Edinburgh postgraduate admissions statistics, 2017/18

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