



William Wright  
By email

Reference: FOI-2021-317

21 April 2021

Dear Mr Wright,

Your request was received on 4 April 2021 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

- 1. Number of applicants, offers made, and their respective previous university, degree and grades for the LLM program for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 years.*
- 2. LLM application statistics by college for the 2018, 2019, 2020 years.*
- 3. Number of applicants, offers made, and their respective previous university, degree, and grades for the PhD Law program for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 years.*
- 4. Number of applicants, offers made, and their respective previous university, degree, and grades for the PhD History program for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 years.*

Please find attached information to answer both this and your subsequent request under the Act, our ref. FOI-2021-318, which contains the same or similar questions. The data for PhD in Law is given as Certificate of Postgraduate Study in Legal Studies, being the first year of the PhD in Law course.

The University has not supplied the grades of each applicant because, coupled with the other information, it believes that individuals could be identified as a result. In presenting the information in this way, the University is engaging the exemption at section 40(3A)(a) of the Act because release in the precise format requested 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.

With regard to question 2 (in both requests), Colleges do not make offers at postgraduate level; the data therefore represents applicants' first and second choice preference Colleges as well as the

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Colleges indicating that they would give a place to an applicant holding an offer should they be successful in meeting their offer conditions.

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Yours sincerely,

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