

By e-mail

Our ref:2985

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Friday 04 June 2021

Dear Mr Ali,

I am writing to confirm that the University has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 09 May 2021.

You requested the following:

I have an interest in how you have approached your graduation ceremonies during the Coronavirus pandemic. Please could you answer the following:

1. For your students who graduated in 2020, have they had an in-person graduation yet?

Brunel University London have not been able to hold an in-person graduation for our 2020 graduates. However, we did hold a virtual graduation for our 2020 graduates.

2. If no to question 1., are there plans to have an in-person graduation, when restrictions have been lifted? If so, will they be the same as previous cohorts (2019, 2018, etc.) and when are they currently planned for?

Brunel University London will invite all 2020 graduates to a ceremony in the future. Four out Postgraduates this will be from December if restrictions allow and for Undergraduates this will be from July 2022. It will be the same format as for previous years. We are planning the winter ceremonies for the Postgraduate 2021 cohort with the intention for extra 1500 Postgraduate students from 2020 to attend extra ceremonies on a first come first served basis, that is held at an external venue. We are then planning to invite all students that have not as yet attended to our extended Summer Graduation in July 2022. One week will host the usual 2022 cohort and the second week will be for 2020 and 2021 cohorts.

3. For your students who are due to graduate in 2021, will they have an in-person graduation? If no, what are your plans for these students?

Brunel University London Undergraduates due to Graduate in Summer 2021 have been invited to a virtual Graduation, and Undergraduates will be invited to the 2022 in-person ceremonies in July 2022. All Postgraduate students graduating in 2021, including those invited to the summer virtual celebration will be invited to the December 2021 even. The December ceremonies are for out Postgraduates only.



We believe we have provided you with all the information you requested. However, if you are unhappy with the way the University has handled your request, or with the information you have received, you may ask for an internal review. You can do this by sending a letter to:

Chief Information Officer  
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or by sending an e-mail to [foirequests@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:foirequests@brunel.ac.uk).

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Sincerely,

Amy Pocknee  
Deputy Data Protection Officer