



Henry Wang
By email

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Dear Mr Wang,

Your request was received on 24 October 2023, and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

I would like to request the following admissions information for the past academic years: 2020-2021, 2021-22, 2022-23.

For each of the graduate courses,

- 1. MPhil in Data Intensive Science*
- 2. MPhil in Scientific Computing*
- 3. MPhil in Advanced Computer Science,*

I request the following information:

- a) applications from applicants previously attending mainland Chinese universities*
- b) offers to applicants previously attending mainland Chinese universities*
- c) applications from applicants previously attending Hong Kong universities*
- d) offers to applicants previously attending Hong Kong universities*
- e) undergraduate gpa or other equivalent grades achieved by offer holders previously attending mainland Chinese universities*
- f) undergraduate gpa, classification, or other equivalent grades achieved by offer holders previously attending Hong Kong universities*

For a, b, c, d, I request separate data for different universities.

e.g.

University Previously Attended | Number of Applicants | Number of Offers

The requested information is attached, with the exception of previous degree classification/grades; these are entered into free text fields by applicants and cannot be collated into any meaningful statistical output. Some suppression and aggregation have been applied to prevent the risk of any

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Yours sincerely,

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