



Ref. FOI/2021-02-05/01

3 March 2021

Reply to request for information under Freedom of Information of Act	
Your Ref	Email dated 05 February 2021
Request	<p>For undergraduate computer science course for the last 5 admission cycle, separate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I would like to request , separated into columns for international applicants and EU/UK applicants: -the lower quartile, median and upper quartile A-level grades (4A*, 3A* etc.) and PUM/UMS for offer holders -the lower quartile, median and upper quartile age of students beginning their first year undergraduate course -no. of applicants and offer holder from Malaysia -no. of applicants and offer holder with 4A* -no. of applicants and offer holders who took Further Maths in A levels and percentage from total applicants and offer holder.2. The same information as 1. for Engineering Science and Mathematics and Computer Science3. The number-if any-of undergraduate, international students given full scholarship

Dear Mr Lee,

I write in reply to your email dated 5 February 2021, requesting the above information.

Items 1 and 2

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet.

We cannot provide the A-Level calculations requested, as A-Level grades are not numeric. As an alternative, we have provided the A-Level bands for offers.

To reduce the risk of breaching data protection principles, we have redacted numbers less than three, including zero, in the tab relating to A level bands. This is because we consider that disclosure of the information in the exact form requested might enable those with access to other information or knowledge to identify individuals and learn new information about those individuals.

In redacting numbers less than three, we are applying the exemption in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Section 40(2) provides an exemption from disclosure for information that is the personal data of an individual other than the requester, where disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We consider that disclosure of the information requested in the exact form requested would breach the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would be unfair to the individuals concerned, as it would be contrary to their reasonable and legitimate expectations. They would not reasonably expect that information about their application to Oxford would be made public under the FOIA without their consent.

For the disclosure of personal data to be lawful, it must have a lawful basis under Article 6 of the GDPR. There are six possible lawful bases in Article 6; we do not consider that any of them would be satisfied in respect of the disclosure.

Item 3

Over the period requested, one full scholarship was awarded to an overseas candidate in Computer Science and one full scholarship to an overseas candidate in Mathematics and Computer Science. This information relates to scholarships administered by the University. We do not hold information on scholarships administered by colleges, which are separate legal entities to the University, and public authorities in their own right under the FOIA.

INTERNAL REVIEW

You may request an internal review of this response by e-mailing foi@admin.ox.ac.uk. A request for internal review should be submitted no later than 40 working days from the date of this letter.

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

If, after the internal review, you are still dissatisfied, you have the right under FOIA to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request has been dealt with in accordance with the FOIA. You can do this online using the [Information Commissioner's complaints portal](#).

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Team