



Ref: FOI/20211222/2

21 January 2022

Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 22 December 2021
Request	<p>Under the Freedom of Information act, I would like to know about the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Master of Science in Education (Comparative and International Education) for the 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20 and 2018/19 admission cycles:- the number of applications,- the number of offers made,- the number of acceptances,- the number of offers made by fee status,- the number of offers made by the country of origin,- the number of enrolments.

Dear Mr Bakliwal,

I write in reply to your email requesting the information detailed above.

Please find this information attached.

Your request is for detailed individual level data. We consider that disclosure of this 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 e.g. those from the same undergraduate university as the candidates. For this reason, we have taken a number of measures to reduce the risk of identification, including aggregating data wherever possible.

In taking these measures, 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 relating to 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.

The exemption in section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test provided for in section 2(2)(b) of the FOIA. To the extent that the public interest is relevant in this case, the University considers it is satisfied by the information provided.

**INTERNAL REVIEW**

If you are dissatisfied with this reply, you may ask the University to review it 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