



Information Assurance and Governance  
Office of the Principal

14 December 2020

Dear John,

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**  
**Our Ref: 407-20**

I refer to your enquiry dated 14 November 2020 asking to be supplied with admission statistics for Financial Economics BSc for 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18 admission cycles under the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("the FOISA").

The information requested, where held, is being provided to you in full as outlined below.

- a) the number of applications,
- b) the number of offers made,
- c) the number of acceptances.

**Table 1: Applications, offers and acceptances to BSc (Hons) Financial Economics, split by year (Full Time Equivalent)**

Year	Applications	Offers	Acceptances
2017/8	124	35	13
2018/9	212	82	32
2019/0	212	64	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>67</b>

- d) The mean number of A\*s predicted for applicants.
- e) The mean number of A\*s predicted for offer holders.

The University does not hold information in answer to (d) and (e) in a reportable and verifiable format. It is not possible to answer these parts of your enquiry by simply locating and retrieving data from the records that we hold. The process involved requires data analysis, validation and a level of intellectual input resulting in the creation of new information which is out with the provisions of the FOISA. Section 17 of the FOISA requires that a Scottish public authority confirms in writing where information requested of it is not held and notice is therefore given to this effect.

Your/

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## Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with the University's response and/or our reasoning set-out above, you have the right to request a review of our decision. The timelines in which this right is available are set out in section 20(5)(a) and (b) FOISA. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised within 40 working days of receiving this response.

The Information Assurance and Governance team are currently working remotely due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Any request for review at this time should be sent by email to [foi@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:foi@st-andrews.ac.uk) stating:

- a) your name and address;
- b) details of your original request; and
- c) the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with following Review, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) for a decision. In the event of an appeal to the SIC, the Commissioner will generally only be able to investigate the matters raised in the request for review.

Details on how to make an appeal online to the SIC can be found on their website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

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Information Assurance and Governance Officer