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Dear HS Lee

### **Request for clarification**

Thank you for your emails of 12 May 2018, and 23 May 2018, requesting information about admissions statistics for specific PhD and MRes programmes. To enable the University to process your requests I am writing to you to ask for clarification.

The University of Edinburgh is a global university, rooted in Scotland. We are globally recognised for our research, development and innovation and we have provided world-class teaching to our students for more than 425 years. We are the largest university in Scotland and in 2016/17 our annual revenue was £929 million, of which £265 million was research income. We have over 39,000 students and over 9,700 full-time equivalent staff. We are a founding member of the UK's Russell Group of leading research universities and a member of the League of European Research Universities.

### **Postgraduate funding**

In your email of 12 May 2018, you requested admission statistics for funded PhD positions for:

- “1. Business PhD by research area
2. Business PhD +MRes by research area
3. EPSRC CDT (PhD + MRes) in Data Science, separate if applicant routes differ by MRes and PhD”

There are a variety of routes to securing funding for postgraduate study. Most students apply for a PhD place first. After securing a place they will then separately apply for funding. The University manages a wide variety of funding streams which may be specific to a subject area, a specific nationality of student or may be university-wide depending on the criteria of the funder. Successfully admitted and funded students on the same programme may be funded through a variety of sources. You can search for scholarships by study level, nationality, and subject area on the University's website: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/search-scholarships>.

The creation of Centres for Doctoral Training (CDT) in recent years has seen a break with that traditional pattern with all successful applicants to the CDTs receiving funding to cover their costs as part of the same acceptance.

I have provided advice and assistance below to allow you to identify which information you require.

#### *EPSRC CDT Data Science*

The EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in Data Science launched in September 2014 and will train 50 PhDs over five intake years. Further information is available on the Centre's website: <http://datascience.inf.ed.ac.uk/>. The CDT is an MSc by Research + PhD (1+3 years) programme. Students complete a Masters by Research in the first year of the programme and, subject to satisfactory progress, are then registered on the PhD. There is no option to enrol directly onto the PhD.

We are able to provide the number of applications, offers, acceptance, and enrolments for this programme during each application cycle of 2015/16 to 2017/18.

**Please let me know if you require these statistics for the EPSRC CDT Data Science.**

#### *Business School*

The Business School does not offer a combined MSc by Research / PhD programme. Applicants are required to apply for the two programmes separately and will only be accepted onto the PhD if they successfully complete the MSc. Further information on programmes and scholarships is available on the Business School's website: <https://www.business-school.ed.ac.uk/>. The Business School does not make offers of a place and funding as part of the same acceptance. Therefore, their postgraduate programmes do not have funded places. We could provide the number of students who successfully applied for awards or scholarships from either the Business School, or relevant funding from the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. These are:

- College Research Award
- Principal's Career Development Scholarship
- Edinburgh Global Research Scholarship
- Business School Development Scholarship
- Accounting and Finance Group Scholarship
- EPSRC ICASE Data Driven Innovation Scholarship
- ESRC Doctoral Scholarship
- Centre for Accounting and Society Scholarship
- Centre for Service Excellence Scholarship
- Centre for Strategic Leadership Scholarship
- Edinburgh Strategic Resilience Initiative Platform Scholarship
- MSc by Research in Management Academic Excellence in Marketing Scholarship
- Datalab/Inbest Doctoral Scholarship

**Please let me know if you require the number of students who successfully applied for the funding shown above.**

*Your further request, 23 May 2018*

In your email of 23 May 2018 you requested a breakdown of acceptance rates for the specified funded PhD positions by British/EU/non-EU applicants.

**In light of the clarification we have sought for your request of 12 May 2018, please let me know if you require the breakdown for the EPSRC CDT Data Science, or the awards and scholarships from the Business School, and relevant funding from the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.**

Please respond within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, or your requests will expire.

### **Privacy notice**

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Yours sincerely

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