

Ref. FOI/20200608/1

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Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Your email of 8 June 2020
Request	<p>I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. For the admission cycles starting from 2015, I would like to know the following admission data for the MJur and MSc Law and Finance programmes:</p> <p>1) How many individuals from Swiss Universities applied to the aforementioned programmes?</p> <p>2) The grades which applicants achieved in their undergraduate (BLaw, B.A. in Law / Law and Economics, etc.), graduate (MLaw, M.A. in Law / Law and Economics, etc.) and doctoral studies (if applicable), the respective institution from which these diplomas were awarded and whether the candidate received an offer and accepted the offer.</p> <p>3) Whether the applicant has any work experience and, if so, how long it is. (If possible, please specify the kind of work experience.)</p>

Dear Xrysanthi Pappa,

I write in reply to your email of 8 June requesting the above information.

Questions 1 and 2

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

Please note that, to avoid breaching data protection principles, we have withheld the names of institutions attended by those who failed to receive an offer. In taking this measure, 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.

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 attached information.

Question 3

This information is not held in the admissions reporting system.

INTERNAL REVIEW

If you are dissatisfied with this reply, you may ask the University to review it, by e-mailing the Head of Information Compliance at 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