



Ref. FOI/20200126/2

18 February 2020

Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Your email of 26 th January 2020
Request	Dear University of Oxford, I would like to request the average GPA of dutch undergraduate students that were admitted for the MSc Financial Economics over the last 3 years.

Dear Ben Wahlen,

I write in reply to your email of 26th January 2020 requesting the above information.

The requested data is provided in the attached workbook.

We consider that disclosure of the requested information in full might enable those with access to other information or knowledge (e.g. those associated with individuals who are known to have applied) to identify individuals and learn new information about those individuals. For this reason, we have withheld data relating to offers, acceptances and GPA scores and replaced it with an asterisk, where it refers to fewer than three individuals, including zero. Also, and in any event, GPA scores are not available for 2019/20, since the University no longer requires candidates to provide this information.

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. Please note that a disclosure of information under the FOIA is presumed to be a disclosure to the world at large, and not just a disclosure to the individual making the request.

For the disclosure of personal data to be lawful, it must have a lawful basis under Article 6 of the GDPR; 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 consider it is satisfied by the attached information.

INTERNAL REVIEW

If you are dissatisfied with this reply, you may ask the University to review it, by writing to the Head of Information Compliance at the following address:



University Offices
Wellington Square
Oxford
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Alternatively, you may request a review 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](#).

If you choose to do this by post, the Information Commissioner's address is:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Team