



Simon Smith
By email

Reference: FOI-2021-600

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Dear Mr Smith,

Your request was received on 22 July 2021 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

I would like to request the following information for the years 2021, 2020 and 2019:

- 1. Number of applicants, offers made, and their respective previous university and degree for the MPhil in Physics.*
- 2. Number of applicants, offers made, and their respective previous university and degree for the PhD in Physics.*
- 3. Number of applicants, offers made, and their respective previous university and degree for the PhD in Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics.*
- 4. Number of applicants who have been awarded a 3rd, 2.2, 2.1 and 1st class (or equivalent) at their previous university for the MPhil in Physics, and for each of these classifications, the number of applicants who were made offers.*
- 5. Number of applicants who have been awarded a 3rd, 2.2, 2.1 and 1st class (or equivalent) at their previous university for the PhD in Physics, and for each of these classifications, the number of applicants who were made offers.*
- 6. Number of applicants who have been awarded a 3rd, 2.2, 2.1 and 1st class (or equivalent) at their previous university for the PhD in Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, and for each of these classifications, the number of applicants who were made offers.*

The requested information is attached. The University has not supplied the grade/degree classification of each applicant/offer-holder because, coupled with the other information, it believes that individuals could be identified as a result. In presenting the information in this way, the University is engaging the exemption at section 40(3A)(a) of the Act because release in the precise format requested would breach the first data protection principle (the fair, lawful and transparent processing of personal data)

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Yours sincerely,

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