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Dear Mili Jha

Freedom of information request

Thank you for your email of 6 June 2018 requesting information about graduate destinations for MA Economics and MA Economics with Finance.

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.

MA Economics and MA Economics with Finance

You requested the size of each class graduating in each year from 2015 to 2018 for the University's Master of Arts with Honours programmes in Economics, and Economics with Finance. Table 1, below, shows numbers of students graduating from these programmes in each year from 2015 to 2017. We do not yet hold graduate numbers for 2018 as, at the time of your request, the examination boards were in process.

Table 1: Students graduating with MA Economics and MA Economics with Finance, 2015-2017

Academic year	Degree programme	Number
2014/15	Economics	95
	Economics with Finance	41
2015/16	Economics	99
	Economics with Finance	54
2016/17	Economics	110
	Economics with Finance	37

Graduate destinations

You asked how many of these graduates went on to further study and how many to employment. Of those in employment you asked how many secured work within two months of graduation. Finally, of those graduates in employment you asked where they worked and in what profession.

Until now, the University has surveyed graduates on one specific date six months after graduation, as part of the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey. The published data gives numbers of students undertaking further study and numbers in in employment. Employer, location, and job title are included where relevant. We only hold information for those graduates who chose to respond. As our surveys show only destinations on one specific date six months after graduation we do not hold information on how many graduates secured work within two months of graduation.

From 2017/18 on the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) will conduct the DLHE survey. The survey date has been extended to 15 months after graduation so students graduating in summer 2018 will be surveyed in autumn 2020.

Destinations data for graduates from the School of Economics in 2015 is available on the University's website at www.ed.ac.uk/careers/your-future/options/degree-options/dlhe/cahss-destinations/economics-awards. Enclosures 1 and 2 give destinations of 2016 graduates with MA Economics, and MA Economics with Finance. Data for 2017 graduates is under embargo until 5 July 2018 and I will send it to you on this date.

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Yours sincerely

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Information Compliance Officer

Enc: Enclosure 1: Destinations of 2016 graduates, MA Economics

Enclosure 2: Destinations of 2016 graduates, MA Economics with Finance

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