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Dear Linlin

Freedom of information request

Thank you for your email of 18 June 2020 requesting information about admissions, and for your subsequent email clarifying your request.

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 2018/19 our annual revenue was £1.1 billion, of which £286 million was research income. We have over 43,000 students and almost 16,000 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.

The University is committed to creating and maintaining a diverse community of students and staff, thereby enriching the learning, working and social experience for all, and demonstrating our commitment to social justice. We are one of the world's leading universities, and our community of students and staff is one of the most international in the UK.

Admissions

You asked if Chinese native speakers could apply to a number of specified courses. On the [degree finder entry for Chinese as a subject area](#), available on the University website, there is information relating to the unsuitability of the University's Chinese programmes for native or near-native speakers. This unsuitability applies to each of the programmes specified in your request.

You also asked which courses accept Chinese native speakers. Entry requirements for each of our programmes are included in the [degree finder](#), available on the website.

Technical exemption

Please note that as this information is available to you through the University website, it is technically exempt from the University's obligation to answer requests for information

under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. The information is exempt under section 25 of this Act, because it is available to you by another route. This exemption is a technical matter only and does not affect your ability to obtain the information on-line.

If you do not have access to the Internet or would prefer to receive information in hard copy please let me know and I will arrange for printouts from the appropriate web pages to be sent to you.

Applying for information

We note you have not provided your full name with your request. When making a freedom of information request, in order to make the request valid and ensure that the University is obliged to provide you with the information that you have requested, applicants are required to provide their full name. The Office of the [Scottish Information Commissioner's guidance on this point](#) explains that, as well as the relevant authority being under no obligation to provide the requested information, applicants also lose the right to appeal to the Commissioner, should they be unhappy with the handling of their request. Although we have responded to your request on this occasion, in future please provide your full name to validate your request.

Right to review

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may ask the University to conduct a review of this decision by contacting the University's Records Management Section in writing (e.g. by letter or email) or in some other recorded form (e.g. audio or video tape). You should describe the original request, explain your grounds for dissatisfaction, and include an address for correspondence. You have 40 working days from receipt of this letter to submit a review request. The contact details for the Records Management Section are at the top of this letter. When the review process has been completed, if you are still dissatisfied, you may use the [Scottish Information Commissioner's guidance on making an appeal](#) to make an appeal to the Commissioner. If you do not have access to the Internet, please let me know and I will provide a copy of the relevant web pages.

Privacy notice for information request applicants

[The University of Edinburgh's request privacy notice](#), which describes how we use the information you have supplied about yourself and your request, is published on the University website.

Yours sincerely

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Information Compliance Officer

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