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Dear Sir

We write to respond to your Freedom of Information request. We do apologise for the delay with this response, and have noted '**Query**' where we were not able to respond due to the need for more clarity.

Enquiry date 20/09/18

1. Average ukcat score for international applicants(Non-EU overseas) that were called for interview for past five years
2. average ukcat score for international(Non -Eu overseas) applicants that were given offer for past five years
3. Weightage of ukcat , GCSE performance and personal statement for shortlisting of interview(non Eu overseas applicants).
4. Weightage of ukcat , GCSE performance, personal statement and interview performance for offer(non EU overseas applicants).
5. Are applicants with a higher situational judgment band score at an advantage during shortlisting or to distinguish between equal candidates?
6. How many applicants with less than 9 GCSE subjects were given offers ?
7. How many seats were there for non EU overseas candidates in the last five years?
8. How many offers were given to non EU overseas candidates in the last five years?
9. What is the country wise distribution for candidates given offer (non EU overseas international)?
10. What is the average number of A* at GCSE level for international non EU overseas applicants that were shortlisted for interview in the last five years?

Response

1. **Query:** Please would you clarify this question. Do you want us to average the UKCATs we have accepted over the past 5 years, or do you think we consider average scores for the UKCAT (which some institutions do) and want to know the actual scores we've accepted?
2. **Query:** As above
3. We do not use weightings in that way, but more of a check-box approach. We initially check to see if an applicant has met the academic entry requirements needed for the course; this includes reviewing the personal statement if that is a requirement. Then the applicants who meet our academic entry requirements are ranked by UKCAT score, and the highest scoring applicants are invited to interview.
4. Please see answer to question 3. After interview, applicants are ranked by interview score alone.
5. We currently do not consider the situational judgement test component of the UKCAT during admission assessments.
6. Our entry requirement before 2019 was for 8 GCSEs, so there will be many applicants who were given offers with fewer than 9 GCSEs. To provide an exact number would exceed the staff time and costs to comply with your request (Section 12).
7. There have been 19 places for international students per year for each of the last 5 years.
8. We have made offers to 117 non EU students over the past 5 years.
9. Please find attached a spreadsheet showing a breakdown of the above by country.
10. This information is not held because HESA (the Higher Education Statistics Agency) does not require this precise information for their data return. We therefore only record whether or not a candidate has met the required academic standard.

Whilst writing may I advise that if you are not happy with the way in which we have handled your request, you can appeal by writing to the Chief Operating Officer of the institution:

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May I ask you to direct future FOI requests for SGUL to the generic email address FOI@sgul.ac.uk the sake of expediency.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further queries.

Yours faithfully

Maggi Lowe
Governance Officer