



Ref: FOI/202203/399

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Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 16 March 2022
Request	<p>This request relates to the Magister Juris (Mjur) program offered by the Faculty of Law. Under the Freedom of Information Act, may I kindly request you to provide the following information for academic years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) the number of applications, offers, acceptances, and final enrollments of the Mjur program at the university, for Chinese nationality applicants only;</li><li>(2) names of colleges from which the Chinese applicants received their LLB;</li><li>(3) final score/ GPA of all Chinese applicants in their LLB;</li><li>(4) IELTS/TOEFL score of all Chinese applicants;</li><li>(5) work experience of all Chinese applicants.</li></ul>

Dear Yiwen Shen,

I write in reply to your email requesting the information detailed above.

Please find this information attached, with the exception of the final score and work experience of Chinese applicants as this information is not held.

Your request is for detailed individual level data, some relating to the current applications cycle which has yet to be completed. We consider that disclosure of this information in the exact form requested might enable those with access to other information or knowledge to identify individuals and learn new information about those individuals e.g. those from the same school as the candidates. For this reason, we have taken a number of measures to reduce the risk of identification, including aggregating data wherever possible.

In taking these measures, 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 relating to their application to Oxford would be made public under the FOIA without their consent.

For the disclosure of personal data to be lawful, it must have a lawful basis under Article 6 of the GDPR. There are six possible lawful bases in Article 6; 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 considers it is satisfied by the information provided.

Please note that we will be able to release more information about the current cycle after it has been completed.

### **INTERNAL REVIEW**

If you are dissatisfied with this reply, you may ask the University to review it by e-mailing [foi@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto: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](#).

Yours sincerely

**Information Compliance Team**