



Ref. FOI/2020807/6

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Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 7 August
Request	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act, for the MSc in Law and Finance, I would be very grateful if you could make available, for each of the academic years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The total number of applicants.2) The total number of offers made.3) The total number of acceptances (2020-21 only).4) The nationality of applicants.5) The nationality of offer-holders.6) The nationality of acceptances (2020-21 only).6) Ranking position in most recent UG year of study for successful candidates.

Dear Xiao Huang,

I write in reply to your email requesting the above information, which you may find attached.

We consider that full disclosure of the information requested might enable those with access to other information or knowledge to identify individuals and learn new information about those individuals. For this reason, we have substituted an asterisk (*) for any number less than 3, in order to reduce the risk of identification.

In taking this measure, 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 about 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.

INTERNAL REVIEW

You may request an internal review of this response by e-mailing 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