



R Aron  
By email

Reference: FOI-2022-330

25 May 2022

Dear R Aron,

Your request was received on 27 April 2022 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

*I would like to request information (via Excel file) on the following programs:*

- 1. Number of applicants, offers made, and their respective previous university, degree and grades for the PhD in Philosophy program for the 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 years.*
- 2. Number of applicants, offers made, and their respective previous university, degree and grades for the PhD in Politics program for the 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 years.*
- 3. Number of applicants, offers made, and their respective previous university, degree and grades for the PhD in History program for the 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 years.*

The requested information is attached. Previous university information was provided as free text by the applicants themselves. The University has not supplied the grades of each applicant because, coupled with the other information, it believes that individuals could be identified as a result. In presenting the information in this way, the University is engaging the exemption at section 40(3A)(a) of the Act because release in the precise format requested would breach the first data protection principle (the fair, lawful and transparent processing of personal data) as set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation. This part of section 40 confers absolute exemption under the Act.

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within 40 working days of the date of this letter and reserves the right not to review a decision where there has been undue delay in raising a complaint. If you are not content with the outcome of your review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner may be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

Yours sincerely,

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