

Mr J Fox
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13th June 2014

Dear Mr Fox

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 16th May 2014, clarified on 30th May 2014, seeking information about students finding employment in academia. I am writing to provide the University response.

Original request:

I would like to obtain recent statistics [over last 10 years if possible] for the number of York doctoral students who enter academia as a faculty member [as opposed to those who enter the administrative side of academia] after receiving a PhD. I would like this data broken down by department if possible. I would also like the data to distinguish between the percentage of doctoral students who find temporary employment as adjuncts versus the percentage who find permanent long-term positions.

Clarification:

I am seeking statistics for York doctoral students who enter academia at any institution in the UK or elsewhere. If the results could further be broken down by country, that would be helpful.

The University has searched its records and found that it does not hold the information necessary to answer your question as framed.

You may be aware of the data set collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) called the Destination of Leavers. This data set may be suitable for your requirements. Destinations data provide information on the activities of students after leaving a higher education institution. The data are collected through a survey carried out approximately six months after students leave. Approximately 75% of leavers complete the survey.

The information collected includes the type of work a leaver has entered and the industry sector. For both of these data items standard classification schemes are defined. It may be

possible to deduce from the occupational classification if someone is employed in academia as a faculty member. There is also a data item for employment basis which distinguishes between temporary and permanent employment.

Further information about the Destination of Leavers data set is available on the HESA website at:

https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_pubs&task=show_pub_detail&pubid=1708&Itemid=286

HESA publish some free online statistics at:

https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1899&Itemid=634

Further information about the Destination of Leavers bespoke data service, for which a fee may be charged, is available at:

https://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2914&limit=&start=#ISC

This completes your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted in writing to me, at the above address, detailing grounds for appeal/complaint. A full copy of our review procedure can be accessed at <http://www.york.ac.uk/recordsmanagement/foi/foi-policy/foi-complaints/>.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries concerning this response.

Yours sincerely,

Kay Mills-Hicks

Freedom of Information Support Officer