

Edgar Wu By email

Reference: FOI-2021-426 (Review)

30 June 2021

Dear Mr Wu,

Thank you for your email of 12 June 2021 requesting a review of the response dated 11 June 2021 supplied to you in respect of your request for information dated 14 May 2021. I now reply as the officer responsible for the internal review of the handling of such requests. The purpose of the internal review procedure is to ensure that the University has complied with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

In your email of 12 June 2021 you stated:

I am writing to request an internal review of University of Cambridge's handling of my FOI request 'Requesting Postgraduate Admissions Data'.

In my initial message, I made the following request:

"(1) Can you provide me with admission statistics for all of your postgraduate programs, both generally and for Chinese students?

Specifically, I'd like to know for each individual program, how many total students applied, how many total students were given offers, how many Chinese students applied, and how many Chinese students were given offers.

Please provide this data for each year, for the last 5 years of entry that you have this data available."

You have provided me with data on your general types of programs (e.g., Master of Philosophy), but you have not provided me with data on all of your individual postgraduate programs (e.g., MPhil in Economics) as requested in my initial message. My apologies if my initial message was ambiguous. Please provide the requested data for each individual postgraduate program.

I have considered all the circumstances of the case. The University uses the terminology 'programme' to mean the type of postgraduate degree qualification (e.g. MPhil), and 'course' to mean the specific academic subject being pursued (e.g. MPhil in Economics). I therefore consider that the FOI Manager answered your request appropriately by applying normal University terminology. However, in light of your clarification cited above, I now attach revised data broken down by individual postgraduate

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If you remain dissatisfied with the University's handling of this request or with the outcome of this review, you may raise the matter by way of appeal to the Information Commissioner who may be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (<a href="https://ico.org.uk/">https://ico.org.uk/</a>).

Yours sincerely,

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