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Dear Ms Thomson

Freedom of information request

Thank you for your email of 8 May 2019 requesting admissions statistics.

The University of Edinburgh is a global university, rooted in Scotland. We are globally recognised for our research, development and innovation and we have provided world-class teaching to our students for more than 425 years. We are the largest university in Scotland and in 2017/18 our annual revenue was £984 million, of which over £279 million was research income. We have over 41,000 students and more than 15,000 staff. We are a founding member of the UK's Russell Group of leading research universities and a member of the League of European Research Universities.

The University is committed to admitting the very best students who demonstrate the potential to benefit from, and contribute to, the academic experience we offer; to that end we seek to attract a wide range of students from different social, cultural and educational backgrounds. We aim to operate fair, transparent and consistent admissions practices. Details of our [admissions policy and practices](#) are published on the University website.

We are also committed to widening access and welcome applications from students with diverse backgrounds. Our continuing commitment to diversity plays a vital role in ensuring the University's success as a great civic institution. We recognise that not everyone has an equal opportunity to demonstrate their full academic potential from their school or college qualifications alone. For this reason, we aim to identify applicants who could benefit from additional consideration in the admissions process. This is known as [contextual admissions](#), as it enables us to consider the achievements of applicants in context.

Admissions statistics

You asked for the number of undergraduate entrants who matriculated in each academic year from 2013/14 to 2018/19. Of these entrants, you asked how many were Scotland domiciled, and how many Scotland domiciled entrants were from Scotland's most deprived backgrounds, by degree programme.

The University uses the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), the Scottish Government's official tool to identify areas of multiple deprivation in Scotland. It identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation and ranks from most deprived to least deprived. It uses 38 indicators across seven domains, namely: income, employment, health, education, skills and training, housing, geographic access and crime. However, the SIMD analyses reflect the geographic area in which an individual lives and not necessarily their personal circumstances. [Further information about the SIMD](#), including how it can and cannot be used, is published on the Scottish Government website. Our contextualised admissions criteria therefore also includes care experience, attending a school with low attainment/progression statistics or being eligible for a recognised widening access programme. [Our widening participation strategy](#) is published on our website.

More information about participation indicators used in Scottish Higher Education institutions is available on the [Scottish Funding Council \(SFC\)](#) and [Higher Education Statistics Agency \(HESA\)](#) websites.

[The SIMD analysis for applications for entry to the University of Edinburgh](#) (and other Scottish higher education institutions) from 2015 to 2018 are available online from the UCAS, including 'key technical points' to help you understand the data.

I have provided some of the information you have requested in Tables 1 to 3 below.

Table 1: Number of undergraduate entrants to the University of Edinburgh, 2013/14 to 2018/19

Year of entry	Entrants
2013/14	5,679
2014/15	5,794
2015/16	6,007
2016/17	6,007
2017/18	6,511
2018/19	6,364

Table 2: Number of Scotland domiciled undergraduate entrants to the University of Edinburgh, 2013/14 to 2018/19, by School

Year of entry	School or College	Entrants
2013/14	Business School	96
	Deanery of Biomedical Sciences	17
	Deanery of Clinical Sciences	5
	Edinburgh College of Art	159
	Edinburgh Medical School	116
	Moray House School of Education	528
	Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies	34
	School of Biological Sciences	204
	School of Chemistry	48
	School of Divinity	27
	School of Economics	47
	School of Engineering	138
School of Geosciences	148	

Year of entry	School or College	Entrants
	School of Health in Social Science	18
	School of History, Classics and Archaeology	112
	School of Informatics	67
	School of Law	146
	School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures	152
	School of Mathematics	49
	School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences	122
	School of Physics and Astronomy	70
	School of Social and Political Science	119
2014/15	Business School	89
	Deanery of Biomedical Sciences	31
	Deanery of Clinical Sciences	4
	Edinburgh College of Art	166
	Edinburgh Medical School	97
	Moray House School of Education	521
	Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies	33
	School of Biological Sciences	121
	School of Chemistry	45
	School of Divinity	25
	School of Economics	43
	School of Engineering	159
	School of Geosciences	124
	School of Health in Social Science	32
	School of History, Classics and Archaeology	105
	School of Informatics	56
	School of Law	141
	School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures	147
	School of Mathematics	55
	School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences	115
School of Physics and Astronomy	52	
School of Social and Political Science	113	
2015/16	Business School	83
	Deanery of Biomedical Sciences	80
	Deanery of Clinical Sciences	5
	Edinburgh College of Art	148
	Edinburgh Medical School	103
	Moray House School of Education	517
	Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies	32
	School of Biological Sciences	74
	School of Chemistry	51
	School of Divinity	25
	School of Economics	38
	School of Engineering	180
	School of Geosciences	143
	School of Health in Social Science	31
	School of History, Classics and Archaeology	113
School of Informatics	37	

Year of entry	School or College	Entrants
	School of Law	156
	School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures	157
	School of Mathematics	45
	School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences	125
	School of Physics and Astronomy	74
	School of Social and Political Science	130
2016/17	Business School	82
	College of Science and Engineering	1
	Deanery of Biomedical Sciences	95
	Deanery of Clinical Sciences	5
	Edinburgh College of Art	125
	Edinburgh Medical School	98
	Moray House School of Education	551
	Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies	31
	School of Biological Sciences	54
	School of Chemistry	49
	School of Divinity	20
	School of Economics	49
	School of Engineering	143
	School of Geosciences	114
	School of Health in Social Science	36
	School of History, Classics and Archaeology	108
	School of Informatics	50
	School of Law	140
	School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures	141
	School of Mathematics	43
School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences	102	
School of Physics and Astronomy	57	
School of Social and Political Science	121	
2017/18	Business School	83
	College of Science and Engineering	18
	Deanery of Biomedical Sciences	89
	Deanery of Clinical Sciences	5
	Edinburgh College of Art	160
	Edinburgh Medical School	103
	Moray House School of Education	512
	Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies	27
	School of Biological Sciences	42
	School of Chemistry	43
	School of Divinity	26
	School of Economics	55
	School of Engineering	125
	School of Geosciences	82
	School of Health in Social Science	35
	School of History, Classics and Archaeology	107
School of Informatics	71	
School of Law	145	

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	School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures	157
	School of Mathematics	59
	School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences	109
	School of Physics and Astronomy	56
	School of Social and Political Science	124
2018/19	Business School	67
	College of Science and Engineering	7
	Deanery of Biomedical Sciences	71
	Deanery of Clinical Sciences	4
	Edinburgh College of Art	149
	Edinburgh Medical School	88
	Moray House School of Education	442
	Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies	31
	School of Biological Sciences	47
	School of Chemistry	38
	School of Divinity	29
	School of Economics	37
	School of Engineering	108
	School of Geosciences	79
	School of Health in Social Science	37
	School of History, Classics and Archaeology	104
	School of Informatics	70
	School of Law	140
	School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures	109
	School of Mathematics	64
School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences	117	
School of Physics and Astronomy	59	
School of Social and Political Science	110	

Table 3: Number of SIMD 20 undergraduate entrants to the University of Edinburgh, by College

Year of entry	College	Entrants
2013/14	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	103
	College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine	2
	College of Science and Engineering	36
2014/15	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	113
	College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine	5
	College of Science and Engineering	31
2015/16	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	102
	College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine	8
	College of Science and Engineering	29
2016/17	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	115
	College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine	16
	College of Science and Engineering	21
2017/18	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	146
	College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine	19
	College of Science and Engineering	19

Year of entry	College	Entrants
2018/19	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	160
	College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine	15
	College of Science and Engineering	41

Table notes:

- The tables show all students who are or have been matriculated during the session indicated, as of the snapshot date. To be consistent with the Scottish Funding Council's approach, it includes all matriculated students with the exception of those who within five weeks of Semester 1 commencing either withdrew, interrupted or completed their studies.
- Domicile on entry groupings refer to the student's area of permanent residence prior to commencing their studies; this information is declared by the student at first matriculation.
- The reduction in 2018/19 for Moray House School of Education reflects the decision to no longer admit students to the MA in Primary Education. This route was replaced by the postgraduate MSc in Transformative Learning and Teaching.
- The Scottish Government limits the number of Scotland-domiciled (and EU-outside the UK) students that the University can admit. There are no such limits placed on the number of students admitted from outside the EU and the rest of the UK. Intake for these students is a matter for individual universities, based on a combination of capacity and competition in individual subjects.

You will see that I have provided the number of Scotland domiciled entrants by School, rather than programme, and the number of Scotland domiciled SIMD 20 entrants by College, rather than programme. This is because breakdowns at programme level would show very low numbers from which individual students could be identified. This would breach the data protection principles set out in data protection legislation. The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 does not require us to provide this sort of information as it is exempt under section 38(1)(b).

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Yours sincerely

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