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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of information request

Thank you for your email of 21 March 2019 requesting information about waiting list statistics for the MMath Mathematics programme.

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 over 10,200 full-time equivalent 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 School of Mathematics is recognised for its teaching excellence and is led by world-leading mathematicians. The curriculum aims to ensure that our graduates are provided with the skills they will need to function at the highest level in modern research or workplace environments. More information about the School of Mathematics and its programmes is published on our website at <https://www.maths.ed.ac.uk/>.

MMath Mathematics is five-year programme taking students to masters-level work. It is designed for those who want to study in more depth, or who might want to use advanced mathematics in their careers or in research. Students can choose to specialise in a particular aspect of mathematics or study courses from across the broad range offered by the School. More information about the programme is published at <https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/2019/degrees/index.php?action=programme&code=G101>.

Waiting list statistics, MMath Mathematics, 2016/17-2018/19

You asked for the number of applicants placed on the waiting list for the MMath Mathematics programme for the last three academic years. Of this total, you asked for the number of applicants who were offered a place on the programme.

The number of waiting list places each year is dependent on the number of applications received for the programme. The waiting list is to identify very well qualified applicants

who did not receive an offer in the initial uptake due to the highly competitive application process to be made an offer if places become available later in the cycle. Although the University attempts to offer places to as many applicants as possible who meet or exceed typical entry requirements, this is not always possible. As a result, this can lead to varying numbers per year.

In 2016/17, there were 24 applicants on the waiting list for this programme. In 2017/18 there were 18 applicants, and in 2018/19 there were three applicants. However, we do not record the number of applicants on the waiting list who were offered a place on the programme. Therefore, the University does not hold this information.

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Yours sincerely

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