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Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act")

Further to your request for information held by King's College London, I sincerely apologise for the lateness of the response. I am writing to confirm that the requested information is held in part by the university.

Your request

We received your information request on 25th February 2024 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

This is a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information:

- *From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of King's College London degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the SUSTech-KCL School of Medicine. Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.*
- *Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at SUSTech-KCL School of Medicine, either participated by SUSTech-KCL School of Medicine students and staff or sponsored by the SUSTech-KCL School of Medicine and the King's College London.*
- *King's College London policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the SUSTech-KCL School of Medicine. Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.*
- *From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the King's College London and its affiliated entities from the Southern University of Science and Technology and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.*

Upon request the below clarification was provided on the 17th March 2024:

- *"Affiliated Individuals, companies": In the context, persons or companies who are associated with Southern University of Science and Technology. This includes, but is not limited to, employees, researchers, board members, and students as individuals, and spin-off research institutes as affiliated companies.*
- *"Relevant Chinese official agencies": In the context, this denotes governmental or regulatory bodies within the People's Republic of China that have oversight, regulatory, or partnership roles with respect to the operations of Southern University of Science and Technology.*

Upon request further clarification was provided on the 8th April 2024:

- *Government or regulatory bodies with respect to the operations of SUSTech: This includes but is not limited to: the Ministry of Education and the Shenzhen People's Government.*
- *Affiliated companies/research institutes: This includes but is not limited to: Shenzhen People's Hospital, Shenzhen People's 3rd Hospital, and other SUSTech affiliated institutions.*

Our response

- *From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of King's College London degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the SUSTech-KCL School of Medicine. Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.*

The SUSTech-KCL School of Medicine will not start delivering programmes until September 2024, therefore no information relevant to the request is held at this time.

- *Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at SUSTech-KCL School of Medicine, either participated by SUSTech-KCL School of Medicine students and staff or sponsored by the SUSTech-KCL School of Medicine and the King's College London.*

Checks with Research Management & Innovation Directorate have confirmed that following a reasonable search of our records no grants matching the criteria outlined in the request, could be found. Therefore, as far as can be reasonably ascertained, no information relevant to this part of your request is held King's College London.

- *King's College London policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the SUSTech-KCL School of Medicine. Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.*

Currently bespoke academic regulations for the SUSTech-KCL School of Medicine are underway and therefore are not available for disclosure.

- *From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the King's College London and its affiliated entities from the Southern University of Science and Technology and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.*

The Fundraising & Supporter Development (FSD) have confirmed that they hold information on one individual who has a connection with SUSTech. No donations have been received.

Additionally, they hold an organisational record for the European Office of Shenzhen, Municipal Government in Nuremburg, Business Tower 20/F, Nuremburg, Germany. No donations have been received.

FSD do not hold any information for the specific organisations outlined below:

- The Ministry of Education and The Shenzhen People's Government.
- Shenzhen People's Hospital and Shenzhen People's 3rd Hospital.

This completes the university's response to your information request.

Your right to complain

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your information request or feel that it has not been properly handled you have the right to complain or request a review of our decision by contacting the Director of Information Governance & Data Protection Officer within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Further information about our internal complaints procedure is available at the link below:
<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/policyhub/freedom-of-information-policy>

In the event that you are not content with the outcome of your complaint you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal complaints procedure provided by King's College London.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

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Yours sincerely,



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