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22 March 2024

Our Ref: FOI 443855

Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 25 February 2023 timed 14:37 hours, requesting the following:

- From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of University of Glasgow degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the Glasgow College Hainan. Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.
- Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at Glasgow College Hainan, either participated by Glasgow College Hainan students and staff or sponsored by the Glasgow College Hainan and the University of Glasgow.
- University of Glasgow policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the Glasgow College Hainan. 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 University of Glasgow and its affiliated entities from the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.

**University's Response**

**From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of University of Glasgow degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the Glasgow College Hainan. Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.**

The University's partnership with Glasgow College Hainan only commenced in 2022 and has had two intakes of students (in 2022/23 and 2023/24). There have been no graduates at this stage. The first graduation ceremony is due to take place in 2026. Therefore, the University of Glasgow does not hold the information that you have requested and is not aware of any other public authority that could respond to your request. Section 17 of FOISA states that where

public authorities receive requests for information that they do not hold, they must issue a notice advising that they do not hold the requested information

**Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at Glasgow College Hainan, either participated by Glasgow College Hainan students and staff or sponsored by the Glasgow College Hainan and the University of Glasgow.**

The Glasgow College Hainan, UESTC is a Learning and Teaching partnership with no research programmes and/or grants. Its mission is to deliver undergraduate programmes to the standard commensurate with the highest quality education available internationally, providing students with the scholarship and skills that will equip them for lifetime careers as leaders in industry and academia.

The two pathways currently offered by The Glasgow College Hainan, UESTC are:

BEng (Honours) in Electronics and Electrical Engineering with Information Engineering  
BEng (Honours) in Electronics and Electrical Engineering with Communications

Further information on programmes offered can be found at the following location:

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/engineering/international/uestc/>

**University of Glasgow policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the Glasgow College Hainan. Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.**

Please note, the University does not have an overall policy document which oversees all operations at the Glasgow College Hainan. Therefore, the University of Glasgow does not hold some of the information that you have requested and is not aware of any other public authority that could respond to your request. Section 17 of FOISA states that where public authorities receive requests for information that they do not hold, they must issue a notice advising that they do not hold the requested information.

The Glasgow College Hainan, UESTC is one of a number of University of Glasgow (UofG) Transnational Education (TNE) Partnerships. The University of Glasgow Transnational Education Board, which reports to the University's Senior Management Group (SMG), ensures coherent oversight of strategy and approach to TNE partnership activity at an Institutional level, including the Glasgow College Hainan, UESTC and other TNE partnerships.

As advised above, the Glasgow College Hainan, UESTC is an undergraduate teaching focussed partnership, there are no research programmes. Furthermore, the remit of the UofG Education, Policy and Strategy Committee (EdPSC) includes responsibility to oversee the educational elements of strategic alliances and partnerships (including Transnational Education Partnerships) as appropriate in support of excellence in provision. There are also partnership boards which operate at a strategic level (Joint Management Board) and

operational level (Joint Executive Group) for Glasgow College Hainan, UESTC co-chaired by UofG Senior Management.

Colleges are accountable for their TNE operations and are responsible for the academic governance of TNE programmes which includes the student experience. Joint Academic Committees and Joint Exam Boards for Glasgow College, Hainan are integrated with the college and school learning and teaching committee structures. As part of quality assurance processes, monitoring of student experience is conducted through a variety of mechanisms including Staff Student Liaison Committees.

The University has TNE Dean roles to lead each of its TNE partnerships. For Glasgow College Hainan, UESTC, there is also a University Executive Dean based locally in Hainan to provide local leadership of the student experience working together with our partner, UESTC. In relation to the administrative staff, most Management, Professional and Administrative (MPA) job roles are not specific to Hainan. There are a range of administrative posts to support TNE activity at the University including a centrally based team, together with operational and teaching administration support at School level. There are, however, two administrative posts on site in Hainan. Please find attached as, **Appendices A and B**, job descriptions for both administrative posts. Please also find attached the job description for the TNE Dean role as **Appendix C**.

**From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the University of Glasgow and its affiliated entities from the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies**

The University received no donations, grants or research funding from the University of Electronic Science & Technology of China or affiliates. Therefore the University of Glasgow does not hold some of the information that you have requested and is not aware of any other public authority that could respond to your request. Section 17 of FOISA states that where public authorities receive requests for information that they do not hold, they must issue a notice advising that they do not hold the requested information

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By post:

The Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Fax: 01334 464611

E-mail: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

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(<http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/dpfoiooffice/policiesandprocedures/foisa-complaintsandreview/> )

All complaints regarding requests for information will be handled in accordance with this procedure.

Yours sincerely,

Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office