



FOI 24-125 Aberdeen Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

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To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, 'the Act'. Please find your response below.

· From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of University of Aberdeen degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the Aberdeen Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence. Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.

Zero. The Aberdeen Institute has only been in operations since September 2021. The first cohort to graduate will do so in the summer of 2025.

· Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at Aberdeen Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, either participated by Aberdeen Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence students and staff or sponsored by the Aberdeen Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence and the University of Aberdeen.

Three undergraduate degree programmes are offered at the Aberdeen Institute as follows:

- BSc Computing Science
- BSc Artificial Intelligence
- BSc Business Management & Information Systems

There are no research grants or research projects that are operational at the Aberdeen Institute. It is an undergraduate teaching-related enterprise with no plans to develop joint research programmes or applications for joint research grants.

· University of Aberdeen policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the Aberdeen Institute of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence. Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.

The Aberdeen Institute students are University of Aberdeen students and as such the UoA policies that govern on-campus University students also apply to our students at the University of Aberdeen. E.g. UoA degree regulations, policies on Appeals and Complaints, Assessment and marking, Disciplinary Policies etc. this is made clear in our Handbook for Aberdeen Institute Students – attached. Policies which are specific to these students are attached for your information - Student Feedback Protocol.

The University of Aberdeen does not directly employ any staff at the Aberdeen Institute in China. Staff are employed solely by the University of Aberdeen in the UK and fly out to deliver the University of Aberdeen courses and assessments. Policies which are specific to these staff, when teaching in China, are attached for your information – Flying Faculty Staff Handbook and the Academic Role Specification. The University has 2 dedicated administrative

roles – the UoA Vice Dean for the Aberdeen Institute and the Senior School Administrator with responsibility for the Aberdeen Institute. Both job descriptions are attached.

The University's governance has two main bodies that oversee the work of the Aberdeen Institute – the Implementation Group which keeps a close eye on the monitoring of the Aberdeen Institute and the University Partnership Committee which has responsibility for all partnership activity. The remits and composition of each are attached.

- From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the University of Aberdeen and its affiliated entities from the South China Normal University and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.

Not applicable. We have received no donations, grants, and research fundings from SCNU or affiliated individuals, companies or Chinese official Agencies.

Please note that we have removed personal identifying information of staff throughout the documents. This information is held in terms of section 16 of the Act but is exempt from disclosure in terms of section 38 (1) (b) as to disclose this information would be an intrusion into the rights and freedoms of the individual and so would be unfair and therefore breach the first principle of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) Therefore the information is exempt in terms of section 38(1)(b) – Personal Information.

Should you be dissatisfied with this response, you have the right under the Act to request a review. A request for review must be made within 40 working days of the date of this reply. It must include your name and address for correspondence and specify the request for information and the grounds for dissatisfaction with the decision. Please send your request for review to our mailbox, foi@abdn.ac.uk. The University will respond to your request for a review within 20 working days of receipt of your request.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of the University's internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months of the date of receipt of the University's review notice. Details on how to make an appeal to the Commissioner are available at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. Should you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's decision, you have a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

Kind Regards



Information Governance Officer

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4th in the UK for Overall Student Satisfaction (NSS 2022)

13th in the UK (The Guardian University Guide 2023)









World Top 160 (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022)

Queen's Anniversary Prize for Further and Higher Education winner 2017 and 2021



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-  **Academic Role Specifications for in-country teaching.pdf**
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-  **Further Particulars _Vice Dean.pdf**
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-  **Further Particulars_senior school administrator.pdf**
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-  **UoA-SCNU Implementation Group_remit and composition.pdf**
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-  **UPC remit&composition (March 24).pdf**
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-  **SCNU JI Student Feedback Protocol_approved 220422.pdf**
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-  **Aberdeen Institute_UoA student handbook.pdf**
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-  **SCNU Staff Handbook for UoA-SCNU JI staff - Jan 2024 (002)_Redacted.pdf**
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