

Our ref: FOI-24-056

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Further to your FOI request received on 23 February 2024 please find below the University's response to your request.

The information requested:

From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of The Queen's University of Belfast degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the China Medical University – The Queen's University of Belfast Joint College. Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.

Information is provided in Appendix 1 (attached).

Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at China Medical University – The Queen's University of Belfast Joint College, either participated by China Medical University – The Queen's University of Belfast Joint College students and staff or sponsored by the China Medical University – The Queen's University of Belfast Joint College and the The Queen's University of Belfast.

China Medical University-Queen's University Belfast Joint College (CQC) offers two four-year undergraduate programmes in China, a BSc (Hons) in Pharmaceutical Sciences and a BSc (Hons) in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology. The courses offered at CQC follow the two three-year programmes offered by the School of Pharmacy at Queen's with the exception that students undertake a Foundation Year Programme taught by China Medical University, including English Language training.

Below are the Programme Specifications which are associated with CQC undergraduate degree programmes of study in the 2023-24 academic year:

- [CQC BSc Pharmaceutical Sciences](#)
- [CQC BSc Pharmaceutical Biotechnology](#)

There are no research projects/research grants operational at CQC.

The Queen's University of Belfast policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the China Medical University – The Queen's University of Belfast Joint College. Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.

The BSc degree programmes at CQC follow the general Queen's processes, regulations, and policies around educational governance and academic standards:

[General Regulations](#)

Academic Governance Committees

Governance Structure

The governance structure at CQC includes the Joint Management Committee (JMC), the CQC Management Board (CMB), and the CQC Academic Committee (CAC). Information flows in/out from these committees to other Queen's/CMU committees.

The JMC is the highest authority of CQC and is responsible for the overall operation of CQC and development plans. The JMC is composed of eight members, with four members appointed by each institution. The Queen's members of the JMC are responsible for reporting on the activities of CQC required by Queen's. The CMU members of the JMC are responsible for any necessary reporting on the activities of CQC required by CMU.

The CMB is responsible for the operational aspects of CQC and consists of at least four members, two nominated by each institution, to include the Dean of CQC.

The CAC consists of at least four standing members and several non-standing members. Each institution nominates two standing members, to include the Dean of CQC. The chairperson of the Academic Committee is the Vice Dean (Queen's) with the Vice Dean (CMU) serving as the vice-chairperson.

Student Experience

There are several processes in place at CQC to facilitate ongoing student reflection on current approaches including: Module Reviews, Teaching Evaluation Questionnaires (TEQs), Student Voice Committee meetings, and Student Experience Surveys.

As per Queen's processes, students anonymously complete review questionnaires to provide feedback on individual teaching staff (TEQ) and module operation (MEQ). Academic staff are evaluated once per semester using the TEQ process and all modules are evaluated annually.

It is a university requirement for every School to establish at least one Student Voice Committee (SVC). This committee provides students with the opportunity to offer feedback throughout the academic year. Meetings are held twice per semester and include student representatives from all years of the programmes.

The CQC team in liaison with the Queen's Student Surveys Team provides a Student Experience Survey (SES) for CQC students. This is circulated to CQC students from March/April each year.

From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the Queen's University of Belfast and its affiliated entities from the China Medical University and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.

None.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliff House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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