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Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 25th February 2024.

***Your Request 1:** From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of Liverpool John Moores University degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the Sino-British College, University of Shanghai for Science and Technology (Sino-British College in short). Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.*

LJMU Response 1:

COMPLETION_TERM	Title	Degrees Awarded
2015	BGH.Industrial Electronics and Control	*<5
2015	BGH.Manufacturing Systems Engineering	31
2015	BGH.Industrial Electronics and Control Engineering	35
2016	BGH.Manufacturing Systems Engineering	30
2016	BGH.Industrial Electronics and Control Engineering	27
2017	BGH.Manufacturing Systems Engineering	40
2017	BGH.Industrial Electronics and Control Engineering	36
2018	BGH.Manufacturing Systems Engineering	*<5
2018	BGH.Industrial Electronics and Control Engineering	*<5
2018	BGH.Manufacturing Systems Engineering	30
2018	BGH.Industrial Electronics and Control Engineering	40
2019	BGH.Manufacturing Systems Engineering	38
2019	BGH.Industrial Electronics and Control Engineering	39
2020	BGH.Manufacturing Systems Engineering	27
2020	BGH.Industrial Electronics and Control Engineering	39

2021	BGH.Manufacturing Systems Engineering	33
2021	BGH.Industrial Electronics and Control Engineering	36
2022	BGH.Electrical and Electronic Engineering	7
2022	BGH.Mechanical Engineering	6
2022	BGHF.Electrical and Electronic Engineering	25
2022	BGHF.Mechanical Engineering	27

*In accordance with Section 40(2) of the FOIA, the University has not been able to give the exact numbers where small numbers of individuals are involved, so that an individual cannot be identified, or inferences be drawn about them. The University has inserted a “fewer than five” (<5) value in any appropriate cell to ensure compliance.

Your Request 2: Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at Sino-British College, either participated by Sino-British College students and staff or sponsored by the Sino-British College and the Liverpool John Moores University.

LJMU Response 2: Current Education programmes:

Programmes	Award	Partnership model
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	BEng (Hons)	Articulation and franchise
Mechanical Engineering	BEng (Hons)	Articulation and franchise
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	BEng (Hons) with Foundation	Dual
Mechanical Engineering	BEng (Hons) with Foundation	Dual

Please note, any divergence between the programmes in responses 1 and 2 relate to the fact that some programmes in response 1 have subsequently closed.

Your Request 3: Liverpool John Moores University policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the Sino-British College. Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.

LJMU Response 3: The governance of Sino-British College is overseen by its Management Council, which meets twice yearly and has members from the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology and members from several of the UK HEIs which are involved in both delivery of academic programmes and in progression from Sino-British College.

For the franchise programmes, the successful students are awarded one certificate from LJMU. The franchise programmes are subject to the processes and oversight set out in the University

Framework for Academic Quality and Standards. In addition, these programmes are subject to the LJMU's Academic Policies, as set out here.

For the dual awards, students receive two certificates, one from USST and one from LJMU. For these programmes, an Operational Framework is in place, which confirms the agreed arrangements for their quality assurance, operation and management, and reflects the fact that they are subject to oversight by two, separate, awarding institutions. For the most part, in relation to the LJMU award, these programmes are subject to the same processes and policies as apply for the franchise programmes.

Your Request 4: *From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the Liverpool John Moores University and its affiliated entities from the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.*

LJMU Response 4: LJMU has not received any.

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If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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