

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request for information received on 23/02/24.

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act (FoIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Sec1(1)a is to confirm or deny whether the information specified with a request is held. The second duty Sec 1(1)b is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon section 17 requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact, b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) state (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The information you requested is held in part by University of Surrey.

You had asked:

Q1. From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of University of Surrey degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the Surrey International Institute. Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.

A1. Please see attached spreadsheet.

Q2. Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at Surrey International Institute, either participated by University of Surrey students and staff or sponsored by the Surrey International Institute and the University of Surrey.

A2. There are no education programmes, research projects, and research grants currently operational at Surrey International Institute other than those listed on the attached spreadsheet. Some Surrey International Institute academic staff participate in the University of Surrey PGCert Programme, for which some teaching can be delivered on-site at Surrey International Institute by visiting University of Surrey staff.

Q3. University of Surrey policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the Surrey International Institute. Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.

A3. The Surrey International Institute at Dongbei University of Finance and Economics (SII-DUFE) is a 'Sino-Foreign Joint Cooperative School' (SFJCS) established in 2007. The governance of SII-DUFE is conducted through a number of committees and groups. The Joint Management Committee (JMC) includes senior staff from both the University of Surrey and the Dongbei University of Finance and Economics and meets annually to decide high-level strategy, approve proposals made to it by the Executive Group and approve the budget. The Executive Group includes some members of the JMC alongside other member of both institutions and meets twice a year in November/December and May/June to consider issues in more detail. There are a range of additional operational level groups. SII-DUFE operates under University of Surrey policies regarding learning and teaching and student experience which are publicly available on the University website.

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Q4. From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the University of Surrey and its affiliated entities from the Dongbei University of Finance and Economics and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.

A4. The University has not received any donations, grants, and research fundings whatsoever (regardless of form) from DUFE nor from individuals, companies or Chinese government bodies that as far as we are aware are affiliated to DUFE.

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have received, you may appeal in writing or by email to the University requesting a review. Correspondence should be sent to

freedomofinformation@surrey.ac.uk.

On receipt of your appeal, arrangements will be made for a review of the original decision. You will be notified of the review decision in writing.

If, following the internal process, you are still not content with the outcome, you may appeal further in writing to: First Contact Team, Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or by email to [Make a complaint | ICO](#) or 0303 123 1113.

Kind regards

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