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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request**

Further to your email dated 26 February 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the University has considered your request. In accordance with Section 17(1) of the FOIA, this response acts as a Refusal Notice with regard to question 4 of your request. Please see the University's response below:

Within your request you sought the following information:

1. From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of University of Nottingham degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the University of Nottingham Ningbo China. Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.

Please see the attached spreadsheet titled (Degrees conferred China). Please note that the University only holds data back to the 2018/2019 academic year.

2. Lists of education programs, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at University of Nottingham Ningbo China, either participated by University of Nottingham Ningbo China students and staff or sponsored by the University of Nottingham Ningbo China and the University of Nottingham.

A list of research projects can be found here by navigating to each Faculty individually and then to each academic staff member:

<https://www.nottingham.edu.cn/en/schools-departments/directory.aspx>

3. University of Nottingham policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the University of Nottingham Ningbo China. Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.



UoN UK Policies can be found here:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/qualitymanual/quality-manual.aspx>

The UoN UK Governance Structure can be found here:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/about/structure/university-executive-board/university-executive-board.aspx>

You can find further information about Ningbo here:

<https://www.nottingham.edu.cn/cn/about/who-we-are.aspx>

4. From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the University of Nottingham and its affiliated entities from the Zhejiang Wanli Education Group and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.

The University is unable to provide a response to this question within the Fees Limit (Section 12).

The University conducts many research collaborations in any academic year, details of research projects are not held within an easily accessible centralised repository. To collate this information the University would need to contact each department within schools and faculties, to ascertain whether a list of research projects relating to the named collaborations, entities and contracts could be identified. We would then need to review all the contracts for the projects to check clauses and, where needed, contact individually each owner for each project to agree disclosure of or non-disclosure of information.

Therefore, provision of the information would take the University over the Fees Limit. Please see **Refusal Notice** below.

#### **Refusal Notice – Section 12 (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004)**

Under Section 12 of the FOIA the University is not under a duty to comply with a request where it estimates that the cost of doing so would exceed the limit of £450, calculated in accordance with the Regulations made under the FOIA at £25 per person per hour for a total of 18 hours (The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004).

In estimating whether the cost of complying with any request exceeds the limit of £450, the University is entitled to consider the costs it reasonably expects to incur in the information-retrieval process e.g. locating the information (or a document containing it), retrieving the information (or a document containing it) and extracting the information from a document containing it. For the reasons set out above, the University has estimated that complying with your request would exceed the prescribed limit and is, therefore, under no obligation to disclose any of the requested information.

Although the University is unable to meet your request, if you have any further information need, please do not hesitate to contact [info.requests@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:info.requests@nottingham.ac.uk)

You have the right to request an internal review following our decision. You can request an internal review by contacting us at [info.requests@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:info.requests@nottingham.ac.uk) within 40 working days from the date of this response setting out the reasons for your request for an internal review.

You have the right, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to apply to the Information Commission for a decision as to whether your request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of Part 1 of the FOIA. The Commissioner will, however, normally require you to pursue an internal appeal to the University prior to considering such an application.

You can find further information about the FOIA from the Information Commissioner at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Please quote reference 2439597 in any response to the University.

Yours sincerely



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