



FOI Request: University of Sheffield Involvement at Joint Institute of NTU-Sheffield and Sino-British College

Freedom Of Information <foi@sheffield.ac.uk>

25 March 2024 at 11:24

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information from the University of Sheffield. We can confirm that the University holds some of the information you have requested, and our responses to each of your queries can be found below.

1. From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of University of Sheffield degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the Joint Institute of Nanjing Tech University and The University of Sheffield (Joint Institute of NTU-Sheffield in short) and Sino-British College at University of Shanghai for Science and Technology (Sino-British College in short). Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.

The Joint Institute of Nanjing Tech University and the University of Sheffield closed in 2017. Additionally, no degrees were ever conferred at the Joint Institute and therefore no data is available for before 2017.

With regards to the Sino-British College, University of Sheffield degrees were not conferred at the SBC but the Sheffield University Management School had a collaborative undergraduate programme with SBC which closed in 2018. Numbers of degrees awarded on this programme were as follows:

2. Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at Joint Institute of NTU-Sheffield and Sino-British College, either participated by Joint Institute of NTU-Sheffield and Sino-British College students and staff or sponsored by the Joint Institute of NTU-Sheffield, Sino-British College and the University of Sheffield.

As above, the Joint Institute of Nanjing Tech University and the University of Sheffield closed in 2017, and so there are no current joint research projects, grants or programmes operational there. There are also no current joint research projects, grants or programmes operational at the Sino-British College in conjunction with the University of Sheffield. The University of Sheffield however, along with other UK Universities, does accept NCUK qualifications taught at the Sino-British College for entry into some of its programmes (as with all NCUK Centres around the world). Information in this regard is available from www.ncuk.ac.uk.

3. University of Sheffield policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the Joint Institute of NTU-Sheffield and Sino-British College. Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.

As above, the Joint Institute of Nanjing Tech University and the University of Sheffield closed in 2017 and as such we do not hold any policies or governance documents which oversee its operations.

Additionally, the University no longer operates any degree programmes in connection with the Sino-British College, with the last graduation being in 2018. There are therefore no policies or governance structures that can be provided for these either.

4. From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the University of Sheffield and its affiliated entities from the Nanjing Tech University, University of Shanghai for Science and Technology and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.

With regards to any monies that may have been received from the Nanjing Tech University or University of

Shanghai for Science and Technology, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the grounds that disclosure of this information would prejudice the commercial interests of the University of Sheffield. Any amounts received would be on a contractual basis, and disclosure of such would be deemed to prejudice the University of Sheffield's commercial interests as the public release of such information may mean that the University of Sheffield could be disadvantaged when negotiating future contracts for similar agreements.

In addition, for information concerning any "affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies" of Nanjing Tech University or the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology, it would be necessary for us to be provided with specific entities for which to search our records. Unfortunately, our records are not held in such a manner that we would be able to search for any "affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies" of Nanjing Tech University or the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology on those terms alone.

If you are not satisfied with the University's response to your FOI request, please see details of our internal review process [here](#), including details of how to contact the Information Commissioner's Office for an independent review.

All the best

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26 March 2024 at 09:16

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

My apologies, I have just noticed that part of our response to point 1 was missing. Please find this below.

With regards to the Sino-British College, University of Sheffield degrees were not conferred at the SBC but the Sheffield University Management School had a collaborative undergraduate programme with SBC which closed in 2018. Numbers of degrees awarded on this programme were as follows:

Session Year	Number of Degrees Awarded - MGTU36
2015-16	39
2016-17	31
2017-18	28
2018-19	37
Total	135

All the best

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