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Thank you for your request for information that you sent to the University on 25 January 2024 which we have considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act') as requested.

### **Request for Information**

You asked for the following information:

From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of University of Bradford 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.

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 University of Bradford.

University of Bradford 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.

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

### **The University's Response**

In the following, I have reproduced your questions, together with the University's responses to each.



**Question:** From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of University of Bradford 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.

**Response:** *The Sino British College is a joint partnership between the University of Shanghai Science and Technology and a number of Northern Consortium UK partner Universities (NCUK). It is essentially a foundation provider that allows Chinese students to undertake level 3 programmes and then progress onto level 4/5 programmes at any of the UK partners via articulation. The Sino British College does not confer degrees as these are awarded by the relevant UK institution upon successful completion of a degree programme. All foundation programmes are administered via NCUK – this University (along with the other Sino British College partners) recognises these qualifications as satisfying entry requirements onto our degree programmes. Therefore, the University does not confer any of its degrees at the Sino British College.*

**Question:** 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 University of Bradford.

**Response:** *The Sino-British College does not carry out research in conjunction with this University.*

**Question:** University of Bradford 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.

**Response:** *The governance arrangements are administered through NCUK which organisation you may wish to contact for further information:*  
<https://www.ncuk.ac.uk/>

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

**Response:** *There have been no such donations, grants or research funding provided to the University by the Sino-British College or affiliates during the period of your request.*

I hope that the information that the University has been able to provide on this occasion is helpful.

### Your right to complain under the Act

If you are not happy with this response, you may request an internal review, by emailing [foi@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:foi@bradford.ac.uk), within 40 working days of the date of this letter. The



University will undertake an internal review and will aim to inform you of the outcome of this review within 20 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner will not do so unless you have exhausted our own internal review procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, telephone 0303 123 1113 website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,



**Information Governance Officer**

