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Chinese institutions

## REQUEST

1. *From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of Lancaster University degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the Lancaster University College at Beijing Jiaotong University (Lancaster University College in short). Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.*
2. *Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at Lancaster University College, either participated by Lancaster University College students and staff or sponsored by the Lancaster University College and the Lancaster University.*
3. *Lancaster University policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the Lancaster University College. Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.*
4. *From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the Lancaster University and its affiliated entities from the Beijing Jiaotong University and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.*
5. *From 2015 - 2023, the numbers of China Scholarship Council (CSC)-funded students and scholars received by University of Lancaster every year. Please provide aggregated data by departments, programmes and/or fellowships.*
6. *University of Lancaster's background checks and vetting procedures for CSC-funded students and scholars, including the effective dates of such policies.*
7. *Please provide a list of research publications, which are authored by individuals affiliated with University of Lancaster and have been partly or fully funded by the CSC, within the timeframe of 2015 - 2023. Please note that the disclosure of this funding information is a compulsory requirement for all research endeavours underwritten by the CSC, thereby ensuring its availability in the public domain.*

*Clarification sought on 29/02/2024 – Within your request you ask us to provide a list from 2015 to 2023 of 'donations, grants, and research fundings received by Lancaster University from Beijing Jiatong University and any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese agencies'. Could you please clarify what do you mean by 'affiliated companies' or 'relevant Chinese official agencies'? If possible, please provide a list of 'affiliated companies' and 'relevant Chinese official agencies'.*

*Clarification received on 04/03/2024 – Regarding your request of clarification: - "Affiliated Individuals, companies": In the context, persons or companies who are associated with Beijing Jiaotong University. This includes, but is not limited to, employees, researchers, board members, and students as individuals, and spin-off research institutes as affiliated companies. - "Relevant Chinese*

*official agencies": In the context, this denotes governmental or regulatory bodies within the People's Republic of China that have oversight, regulatory, or partnership roles with respect to the operations of Beijing Jiaotong University.*

## RESPONSE

1. *From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of Lancaster University degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the Lancaster University College at Beijing Jiaotong University (Lancaster University College in short). Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.*

**Please see the spreadsheet attached to your request.**

**Please note that the first graduating cohort for Beijing Jiaotong University only came in 2019/2020, therefore the data presented in the spreadsheet starts from there.**

2. *Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at Lancaster University College, either participated by Lancaster University College students and staff or sponsored by the Lancaster University College and the Lancaster University.*

**We couldn't find any research projects or grants currently operational at Lancaster University College within our records.**

**However, we can provide a list of programmes operational at Beijing Jiaotong University, please see below for details:**

- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance
- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance (single award)
- BSc (Hons) Business Studies
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science (single award)
- BA (Hons) Design Interactions
- BA (Hons) Design Interaction (single award)
- BEng (Hons) Electronic and Communications Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Science and Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Science and Engineering (single award)
- MSc Electronic and Communications Engineering
- MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management

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

**Information concerning Academic Regulations at Lancaster University College is publicly available and therefore, it is exempt from release, as per Section 21 of the Freedom of the Information Act 2000. This acts as our refusal notice.**

As per our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to aid and assist requesters, the URL for this information can be found below:

For information concerning academic regulations please see below:

- Undergraduate Assessment Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes Delivered at Lancaster University College at Beijing Jiaotong University, China (Dual Award)  
<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/student-based-services/asq/collaborative-provision/BJTU-Assessment-Regs.pdf>
- Undergraduate Assessment Regulations for Single Award Undergraduate Programmes Delivered at Lancaster University College at Beijing Jiaotong University, China  
<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/student-based-services/asq/collaborative-provision/BJTU-Assessment-Regs-Single-Award.pdf>
- Postgraduate Assessment Regulations for Postgraduate Programmes Delivered at Lancaster University College at Beijing Jiaotong University, China  
<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/media/lancaster-university/content-assets/documents/student-based-services/asq/collaborative-provision/BJTU-PGT-Assessment-Regs.pdf>

For information concerning the governance structure, please see the files attached to your request, namely:

1. Joint Management Committee (JMC) – APPENDIX 1  
The JMC is the highest authority of LUC@BJTU.
2. Partnership Management Committee (PMG) – APPENDIX 2  
Ensures that LUC@BJTU is conducted in line with LU strategy and relevant LU policies and procedures, and implements decisions made by the JMC. Please note that we have removed the 'Membership' page from this document. This information is exempt from release as per section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act being, personal data where its release would breach one of the data protection principles. This acts as our refusal notice.
3. Academic Committee – APPENDIX 3  
Develops and makes recommendations to BJTU and LU for initial consideration.
4. *From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the Lancaster University and its affiliated entities from the Beijing Jiaotong University and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.*  
**We have checked our records, but we could not find any donations, grants, or research fundings received by Lancaster University.**
5. *From 2015 - 2023, the numbers of China Scholarship Council (CSC)-funded students and scholars received by University of Lancaster every year. Please provide aggregated data by departments, programmes and/or fellowships.*

Year of scholarship award	Discipline	CSC info
2021	PhD Engineering	Nominated to CSC February 2021

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2023	PhD Management (Entrepreneurship & Strategy)	Accepted CSC offer October 2023
2023	PhD Environmental Science	Accepted CSC offer July 2023
2023	PhD Psychology	Accepted CSC offer July 2023

Please note that some of these students were already studying at Lancaster University when they were offered the scholarship.

Please note the above numbers relate to records in our system where 'CSC' has been used in the funding title. There may be other records which relate to CSC funded students where 'CSC' is not used in the funding title. In order to provide comprehensive figures, a manual check of all student records, across the year's requested, would need to be completed. This would exceed the appropriate cost limit present at section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. This acts as our refusal notice.

6. *University of Lancaster's background checks and vetting procedures for CSC-funded students and scholars, including the effective dates of such policies.*

Please note that there is no background check or vetting procedure for CSC-funded students.

For CSC-funded students:

- The advertisement of scholarships is in the public domain and therefore, it is exempt from release, as per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This acts as our refusal notice.  
As per our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to aid and assist requesters, the URL for this information can be found below:  
<https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries/china-scholarship-council/>
- Lancaster University departments propose candidates for China Scholarship Fund scholarships. Candidates are students to whom the department has already offered a PhD. Therefore there is scrutiny of academic and English language ability.
- A CSC panel is held (two LU academics and two PS staff consider the nominations from departments and confirm the final list that LU will nominate).
- LU nominates confirmed students to the CSC.
- The CSC reviews each application and decides whether to award a scholarship.

The LU process for CSC-funded scholars is different according to the department that proposes them as visiting scholar but it is similar to the Confucious Institute and the Department of Languages and Cultures process as follows:

- Applicants send a reference from their home university, a CV, a research proposal to the Confucious Institute and to the Department of Languages and Cultures.
- These are reviewed by the Confucious Institute Deputy Director UK, the Confucious Institute Director, the Head of the Department of Language and Cultures and the Confucious Institute Manager. An LU academic contact is identified. If the application documents demonstrate that the person has a PhD, the support of their home institution

and they clearly identify a research area of mutual interest they are then appointed on Stonefish (approved by the Confucious Institute Director or Head of Department, the Faculty of Art and Social Sciences Dean, HR).

- An LU invitation letter is issued and an appointment created by HR, including IT account
  - Sometimes the scholar does not show (either they did not get funding or they chose to go to a different place). HR is informed and the IT account is deleted.
  - When they arrive they are inducted and introduced to their academic advisor.
7. *Please provide a list of research publications, which are authored by individuals affiliated with University of Lancaster and have been partly or fully funded by the CSC, within the timeframe of 2015 - 2023. Please note that the disclosure of this funding information is a compulsory requirement for all research endeavours underwritten by the CSC, thereby ensuring its availability in the public domain.*

**Please see spreadsheet attached to your request.**

Your request i.d. is: 5831. Please quote this in all enquiries.

The University aims to comply fully with its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and to ensure that the service it provides for those wishing to gain access to information is helpful and effective.

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Email: [information-governance@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:information-governance@lancaster.ac.uk)

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