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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_17-161)

We have now considered your request of 26 June 2017 for information relating to the costs associated with the granting of honorary degrees at UEA.

Our response is on pages 3-4 of this letter, together with a copy of your request. As we have not as yet received a response to our email of 28 June asking for clarification of your request, we are responding on the basis of our initial understanding of your request.

On this occasion, it is not possible to provide all the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that because the 2016/17 ceremonies have not yet taken place we do not hold the final names, dates and expenses of those awarded honorary degrees this year. However, the ceremonies are due to take place from 17 – 21 July 2017 and the University has already published the names of the anticipated recipients on our website (see: <https://www.uea.ac.uk/about/-/uea-announces-its-2017-honorary-graduates>). You are of course welcome to submit another request for information after the ceremony has taken place

Additionally, we do not hold any information on the food and drink expenditure directly attributable to honorary graduates. This is due to the fact that the food and drink we offer to honorary graduates is also available to all distinguished guests and we have no means of determining what costs are attributable solely to the honorary graduates.

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information is available on their website: https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_17-161)

I am looking for information about honorary degrees. Please could you provide me with the following:

- Please could you provide a list of people who have been given honorary degrees by the university at ceremonies over the past three academic years (2014-5, 2015-16, 2016-17). Please could specify the date when each person was awarded the honorary degree.*

Our response is presented within the table below:

Year	Name	Date of Award
2014/15	David Almond	24 July 2015
	Diana Athill	22 July 2015
	John Boyne	24 July 2015
	Nina Conti	24 July 2015
	Dominic Christian	22 July 2015
	David Michael Grossman	24 July 2015
	Greg James	22 July 2015
	The Right Reverend Graham Richard James	23 July 2015
	Baroness Beeban Kidron	23 July 2015
	Professor Douglas Bruce Kell	21 July 2015
	Graham Linehan	21 July 2015
	Dame Jenni Murray	21 July 2015
	Professor Susan Owens OBE, FBA	24 July 2015
	Jonathan Powell	23 July 2015
	Arthur (Brian) Smith	21 July 2015
	Erica Augusta Wagner	22 July 2015
Samuel Alexander Joseph West	23 July 2015	
2015/16	Brenda Arthur	20 July 2016
	Wayne Barnes	21 July 2016
	Bahram Bekhradnia	19 July 2016
	Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE DL	19 July 2016
	Mark Cocker	20 July 2016
	Anthony John Habgood	22 July 2016
	David Anthony Haslam	21 July 2016
	Debra Hayward	19 July 2016
	Judith A K Howard, CBE, FRS	22 July 2016
	Kenneth Robin Jackson	19 July 2016
	Billy Albert Che Kin Kan	18 July 2016
	Dr William Hugh Milroy OBE PhD	19 July 2016
	Esther Mujawayo	20 July 2016
	Abraham J. Peck	21 July 2016
Ali Smith	18 July 2016	
David Tibble	21 July 2016	

	Cheryll Tickle	20 July 2016
	Robert Andrew Varley	22 July 2016
	Roger William Wright	18 July 2016
2016/17	[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act] This information is not held for the reasons noted above.	

2. Please could you provide the cost, in pounds sterling, for honorary degree ceremonies in each of the past three academic years (2014-5, 2015-16, 2016-17). Please could you break down this cost by year and into individual items of spending including things like flower arrangements, speaking fees, drinks and food, gowns, venue hire, staff, entertainment and any other associated costs. Please could you specify the date for each piece of spending or specify which ceremony it relates to.

Our response is presented within the table below:

Cost element	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Travel	£210.98 \$1911.98 (USD)	£948.57	[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]
Accommodation	£1,185.00	£1,130.00	
Speaking fees ¹	£0.00	£0.00	
Drinks & food	[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]		
Gowns ²	£0.00	£0.00	
Venue hire ³	£0.00	£0.00	
Entertainment ⁴	£0.00	£0.00	
Staff costs ⁵	£0.00	£0.00	
Flowers	£0.00	£0.00	
Other	£0.00	£0.00	
Total	£1,395.98 \$1911.98 (USD)	£2,078.57	

¹ UEA does not pay fees to any honorary graduate

² UEA owns all the gowns used in the award of honorary degrees

³ All graduation ceremonies are held on the UEA campus in a UEA-owned venue

⁴ There are no entertainment costs separate to other costs enumerated

⁵ All staff utilised in connection with graduation ceremonies are UEA staff and do not receive any remuneration above their normal salary