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Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_18-028)**

We have now considered your request of 04 February 2018 for information relating to salaries of recent graduates and tuition fees of international students at this University.

Our response is on page 3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request and in the attached document entitled FOI\_18-028 Appendix A.

On this occasion, it is not possible to provide all the requested information. The Act contains a number of exemptions that allow public authorities to withhold certain information from release. We have applied the following exemption to part of your request.

Exemption	Reason
s.21(1), Information reasonably accessible to applicant by other means	Data requested in question 1 can be obtained from the Higher Education Statistics Authority (HESA)

We have established some of the requested information is reasonably accessible by other means and so has been exempted under section 21(1) of the Act. The section 21 exemption confirms there is no right of access under the Act to information that is held by a public authority, if that information is reasonably available to the applicant by another route (whether through commercial publication or publicly-funded provision).

In this case the breakdown of expected salaries, or average salaries for graduates from undergraduate degrees in years 2008/2009 to 2013/2014 by subject is held by [Higher Education Statistics Agency \(HESA\)](http://www.hesa.ac.uk) on their website.<sup>1</sup> Aggregated information for all higher education institutions is available at no charge from HESA. A charge would apply if this data is broken down by institution and may apply to data at a national level if it includes a breakdown by nationality and subject, depending on the level of detail requested.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/graduates/graduate-employment>

Information requiring payment of a fee is available upon demand from HESA from their [Bespoke Data Service](#).<sup>2</sup> This has been confirmed with HESA themselves.

This is an absolute exemption and the University is not required to consider the public interest in the release of this data.

We hope this response 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](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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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/services/custom>

## Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI\_18-028)

*I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:*

*1) Breakdown of expected salaries, or average salaries for graduates from undergraduate degrees in years 2008/2009 to 2013/2014 included, by subject. If average salaries for recent EU (non-UK) or international (non-EU) graduates are available, I would like those to be shared as well.*

### **[Information exempted pursuant to s.21(1), Freedom of Information Act]**

The requested information is exempted from release for the reasons noted in the above letter.

*2) Tuition fees charged to first-year international students for undergraduate degrees in years 2008/2009 to 2013/2014 included, broken down by subject.*

The information for 2013/14 is available on the UEA website here:

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/planningoffice/tuition-fees/historic>

Data for the years 2008/09 to 2012/13 is within the attached document entitled FOI\_18-028 Appendix A.