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02 September 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-247)

We have now considered your request of 01 August 2019 and clarification email of 15 August 2019 for information relating to student business start-ups.

We responded to you on 30 August 2019, and unfortunately our reply to question 4 of your request was incorrect.

Please note our amended response to question 4 within the accompanying document FOI_19-247 Appendix A.

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 40 working days of the date of this letter. In line with section 5.3 of the UK Government's Freedom of Information Act Code of Practice, we are not obliged to accept internal reviews after this date.

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https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

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Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_19-247)

I am researching the opportunities and infrastructure available to students at university who are involved in starting up their own business and increasing their employability / business skills.

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information act:

- 1. Please could you confirm if your university has an incubator in place to help current and/ or former students grow a business and/ or put them in touch with potential investors and other business collaborators?*
- 2. If such an incubator exists at your university, please could you specify the following for each of the last five years, or since the incubator was set up:*
 - a) how many years it has been available for your current and former students to enrol on*
 - b) of the people that have enrolled with your incubator each year, how many of those enrolled were undergraduate students at your university at the time of enrollment?*
 - c) of the people that have enrolled with your incubator each year, how many of those enrolled were post-graduate or former students of your university at the time of enrollment?*
 - d) for each of the last five years, how much money has been invested by the university into the incubator?*
- 3. In addition to a university incubator, could you list how many additional non-degree courses or extracurricular activities, such as boot camps, workshops and business plan competitions, the university provides, which are designed to enhance the employability and professional skills of students?*

Clarified on 15 August 2019:

'Thank you for your email.

Please can you list each activity separately, or just provide me with a tally against the following categories:

Workshops

Boot camps

Business competitions

Work experience

Advice and mentoring sessions

Pitch and/or networking events

Other'

4. According to your most recently available survey of full-time leavers, could you tell me how many of your students have gone on to be employed via 'starting up their own business'?

5. How many business grants for student entrepreneurs does your university contribute to, and how much funding for this does your university provide?

Our response is in the accompanying document FOI_19-247 Appendix A.

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

Students are not enrolled on to the 'incubator' service.