

09 September 2015

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_15-164)**

We have now considered your request of 01 September 2015 for the following:

*‘...information about any relationships that the university has with the following Israeli academic institutions:*

- *Hebrew University of Jerusalem*
- *Technion - Israel Institute of Technology*
- *Weizmann Institute of Science*
- *Bar-Ilan University*
- *Tel Aviv University*
- *University of Haifa*
- *Ben-Gurion University of the Negev*
- *Open University of Israel (OPENU)*
- *Ariel University*

*If the university does have links with any of universities (including, but not limited to, joint/collaborative research, exchange programs, and joint courses) it would be useful to know:*

- *the nature of the relationship*
- *the details of any financial relationship involved*
- *the start and expected end date of the relationship.’*

We regret that on this occasion we have determined that the cost of finding and assembling the requested information will exceed the ‘appropriate limit’ as defined by section 12 of the Act and the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004/3244.

The ‘appropriate limit’ of £450, which equates to 18 hours’ work, relates to a request in its entirety. If the University cannot locate, retrieve and extract some or all of the requested information within the 18 hours we are not obliged to retrieve any of the requested information.

We have noted your request is very similar to one we received last year. Our response to that request is published here:

[https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6940785/FOI\\_14-195.pdf/](https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/6940785/FOI_14-195.pdf/)

The reasons why we were unable to provide information in answer to that earlier request are explained within our response letter. Apart from a slight change in the number of staff employed by the University, our situation has not changed in this respect in the intervening months, and so we are once again unable to provide a response to this request as worded.

As before, we would be happy to consider a more limited or defined request for information. For example, in addition to the suggestions we made in our previous response, we may be able to provide information on any research or commercial links between these institutions and a particular School or University department within a specified time period. If you wish to submit another request, you may also find the guidance from the UK Information Commissioner's Office useful:  
<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>

I am sorry this may not be the outcome you were seeking, however you have the right of appeal against this response. 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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