

TU Dublin

Freedom of Information Disclosure Log – Quarter 1, 2021

Non-Personal Requests

Disclosures are listed in order of the date the request was received by TU Dublin. Please note that, for privacy reasons, identifying information such as the name of the requester is not included in the Disclosure Log. Also details relating to FOI requests for personal information are not listed. In Q1, 2021, a total number of 13 FOI requests were received, 12 non-personal requests and 1 personal request.

On 1 January 2019, in line with the provisions of the Technological Universities Act 2018 and SI 437 of 2018, TU Dublin was established following the merger of Institute of Technology Blanchardstown, Dublin Institute of Technology and Institute of Technology Tallaght. FOI requests received by TU Dublin since 1 January 2019 are treated as applying to the three legacy Institutes of Technology where the information requested relates to periods up to 1 January 2019, the date of dissolution of said Institutes.

Ref	Date Request Received	Requester Category	Description of Request	Decision	Date of Response
FOI 21-001	04.01.21	Journalist	Request relates to minutes of meetings of TU Dublin's Governing Body held in 2020.	Refused Section 15 (1) (f) Records due to be published on TU Dublin website within 6 weeks.	25.01.21
FOI 21-002	12.01.21	Journalist	Request relates to records regarding unauthorised gatherings that flouted the University's Covid policies/national Covid restrictions) that took place or were recorded or were ended by campus staff/residential assistants on campus residences between 01.09.20 – 31.12.20, including a breakdown of numbers attending and a breakdown of sanctions issued to students as a result of any unauthorised gatherings.	Refused Section 15 (1) (a) Records do not exist. TU Dublin has zero campus residences.	21.01.21
FOI 21-003	15.01.21	Public (others)	Request sought details of all monies TU Dublin spent in total on repeat exams in 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18 including a breakdown of the costs relating to exam venue; staff; materials and any other costs.	Granted	16.03.21
FOI 21-004	15.01.21	Public (others)	Request relates to repeat examinations for the academic years 2017/18; 2018/19 & 2019/20. 1. The total amount of students who completed repeat exams in academic years 2017/18, 2018/19 & 2019/20. 2. The total amount of repeat exams completed in 2017/18, 2018/19 & 2019/20. 3. Cost per repeat exam in 2017/18, 2018/19 & 2019/20 (overall cost divided by exams papers completed).	Partial Release Section 15 (1) (a) Records do not exist. Direct exam cost only provided as insufficient data exists to create record sought..	16.03.21

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FOI 21-005	18.01.21	Journalist	Request relates to student disciplinary issues for 2018/19 & 2019/20 academic years:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of undergraduate expulsions or suspensions during academic years 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 due to the possession of illegal substances or abuse thereof, 2. Details of all claims or complaints of bullying in 2018/19 and 2019/20, also records regarding any complaints made regarding any college or faculty societies, 3. Any reports, compiled in 2018/19 and 2019/20, held by campus services relating to the numbers of reported thefts and threats to personal safety on campus, 4. Details of incidents resulting in student discipline in 2018/19 and 2019/20, categorized under: a) Drug/alcohol b) Plagiarism c) Assault d) Sexual Assault e) Bullying f) Other, 5. The number of claims or complaints of bullying in 2018/19 and 2019/20 made by members of staff, and the number of claims or complaints of bullying in 2018/19 and 2019/20 made by students against student clubs or societies. 	Partial Release Section 15 (1) (a) Some records do not exist & Section 37 Personal Information.	16.02.21
FOI 21-006	20.01.21	Journalist	Request relates to student applications from Northern Ireland from 2017-2020: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of students (full-time and part-time) from Northern Ireland registered at TU Dublin in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20. 2. The number of applications (full-time and part-time) to TU Dublin from students from Northern Ireland in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20. 	Partial Release Section 15 (1) (a) Some records do not exist.	17.02.21
FOI 21-007	08.02.21	Student	Request relates to gender breakdowns of staff in Tallaght Campus from 2019-2021: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A breakdown of gender of those in positions of Head of Departments, Head of Schools, Management positions and senior lecturers from 2019 until February 2021 for Technological University Dublin- Tallaght campus. 2. A breakdown of gender for paygrades. 	Granted	05.03.21
FOI 21-008	08.02.21	Journalist	Request relates to travel expenses for staff of TU Dublin for 2019 & 2020. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A list of travel expenses for the years 2020 and 2019 2. A breakdown of these expenses where possible (1) total amount per year; (2) The amount spent on flights (or other transport, taxis, trains etc), 	Granted	05.03.21

			accommodation, and any other related expenses, such as food on college related business.		
FOI 21-009	23.02.21	Journalist	Request relates to monies paid to the university in cash by overseas students to cover fees in the 2019/2020 academic year detailing the top three countries in terms of the nationalities of students who paid fees in cash in 2019/2020, detailing how much was paid in total in cash by students from each of the three countries.	Granted zero records University does not accept cash payments	05.03.21
FOI 21-010	25.02.21	Staff	Personal Request	Granted	16.03.21
FOI 21-011	26.02.21	Journalist	Request relates to the funding terms set out in the contractual agreement between TU Dublin and RTE Brainstorm.	Granted	08.04.21
FOI 21-012	05.03.21	Journalist	Request relates to Chaplaincy Services at TU Dublin including: - 1. The amount spent on employing chaplains in 2019 and 2020, broken down per employee and year, 2. The student and staff attendance rate at weekly religious services/masses during 2019/2020, 3. Correspondence between the university and Atheist Ireland between September 2020 to March 2021, 4. Correspondence between the university and religious organisations (Sisters of Mercy, Christian Brothers, Daughters of Charity, Brothers of Charity, Good Shepherd Sisters, Sisters of Charity, St John of God Hospitaller relating to religious services/masses and religious education at the university from September 2020 to March 2021.	Partial Grant Section 15 (1) (a) Some records do not exist.	07.04.21
FOI 21-013	11.03.21	Student	Request relates to retention rates of students at TU Dublin during the first year of their programmes for academic years 2019/20; 2018/19; 2017/18; 2016/17 detailing the number of students both full time and part time that left or did not progress (failed exams and did not re-register; withdrew; did not complete their first year; did not attend exams or register for second year.	Refused Section 15 (1) (a) & Section 15 (1) (d) Some records available on HEA website; other records not yet finalised/complete.	06.04.21

The **CATEGORY OF REQUESTER TABLE** is divided into six categories –

1. Journalists,
2. Business/Interest Groups,
3. Oireachtas/Public Representatives,
4. Staff,
5. Client,
6. Others.

1. Requests shown in the Business/Interest Groups category would include requests for non-personal records from: business people, interest groups, solicitors, accountants, trade unions, etc.
2. Requests shown in the Oireachtas/Public Representative category would include requests from Members of the Oireachtas and from elected members of Local Authorities.
3. Requests shown in the Client category would include a request for records which related primarily to services that the requester had received from a public body e.g. Request from a Student to a body in the education sector etc.