

TU Dublin

Freedom of Information Disclosure Log – Summary 2020

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.**

For calendar year 2021, a total number of 34 FOI requests were received, 29 non-personal requests and 5 personal requests.

Quarter	Ref	Date Request Received	Requester Category	Description of Request	Decision	Date of Response
1	FOI 20-001	07.01.20	Journalist	Request relates to numbers of allegations of sexual misconduct (harassment, inappropriate behaviour, assault etc.) made against students/lecturers/staff within the university for calendar year 2019 including the number of investigations conducted by the university into allegations of sexual misconduct and number of lecturers/staff/students against whom disciplinary action was initiated on the foot of allegations of sexual misconduct.	Partially Granted: S. 15 (1) (a) Records do not exist	04.02.20
1	FOI 20-002	14.01.20	Journalist	Request relates to minutes of meetings of TU Dublin's Governing Body held in 2019.	Partially Granted : S. 36 (1)(b) & (c) & S.37 (1)	11.02.20
1	FOI 20-003	16.01.20	Others – public	Request relates to a tender submission for the supply of graduation robes to TU Dublin in 2019.	Partially Granted : S. 15 (1) (a) & S. 36 (1) (b) & (c)	12.02.20
1	FOI 20-004	27.01.20	Journalist	Request relates to numbers of students who accessed counseling services in the University during 2017, 2018 & 2019.	Partially Granted: S. 15 (1) (a)	14.02.20
1	FOI 20-005	13.02.20	Journalist	Request relates to the amount paid out by the University in legal fees and to individuals in relation to non-disclosure agreements (or equivalent) from 2016 to date.	Refused: S. 15 (1) (a)	11.03.20
1	FOI 20-006	17.02.20	Journalist	Request relates to minutes of meetings of TU Dublin's Governing Body held in 2019.	Partially Granted: S. 36 (1)(b) & (c) & S.37 (1)	09.03.20
1	FOI 20-008	05.03.20	Others - public	Request relates to information that was publically available on the university website.	Withdrawn – handled outside of FOI	06.03.20
1	FOI 20-009	05.03.20	Journalist	Request relates to purchase orders in excess of €20,000 from August 2016 to August 2019.	Granted	03.04.20
1	FOI 20-010	05.03.20	Journalist	Request relates to non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) signed over the past five years over student grievances.	Refused: S. 15 (1) (a)	03.04.20

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1	FOI 20-011	05.03.20	Journalist	Request relates to the number of students found to have plagiarised work in each of the past three years, to include details and breakdown of same and the type of anti-plagiarism technology used by the university.	Partially Granted: S. 15 (1) (a)	03.04.20
1	FOI 20-012	10.03.20	Journalist	Request relates to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employment figures for staff in the University in continuous employment in excess of two years but not on a CID for last academic year; • The number of staff receiving payment through the occasional hourly payment system and the amount of payment received by them for the past academic year; • The total remuneration paid to non-permanent and/or casual lecturing staff - excluding adjunct professors - and the number of non-permanent and/or casual lecturing staff employed for the past academic year; • The number of PhD students teaching, supervising or conducting other activities such as tutorials with no monetary compensation or as part of a condition of their PhD funding for each of the past academic year; • The number of workers on visas versus EU/UK citizens for the past academic year. 	Partially Granted: S. 15 (1) (a)	08.04.20
1	FOI 20-013	10.03.20	Journalist	Request relates to payments to staff or PhD students with One4All vouchers from 01 January 2017 to March 2020 in lieu of pay for services (e.g. teaching, tutoring etc.).	Partially Granted: S. 15 (1) (a)	08.04.20
1	FOI 20-014	10.03.20	Journalist	Request relates to complaints made by staff members about their employment status from 01 January 2017 to March 2020 including any memos regarding cuts to hourly rates for casual work for the same period.	Partially Granted: S. 15 (1) (a)	08.04.20
1	FOI 20-015	10.03.20	Journalist	Request relates to final reports by external consultants e.g. PWC to review aspects of recruitment / retention policy or operations on recruitment and retention from 01 January 2015 to 10 March 2020.	Partially Granted: S. 15 (1) (a)	08.04.20
2	FOI 20-016	06.04.20	Journalist	Request relates to circular/guidance documents pertaining to career breaks for staff of TU Dublin and staff of the former Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) that were published in the period 2015 to April 2020. <i>Clarification 07-04-20</i> : Requester sought all versions of the policy Career Breaks HRP020 and all policies relating to career	Granted in full	06.05.20

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				break/absence of leave for Staff of TU Dublin or DIT published on the DIT/TU Dublin website between 1st January 2015 to April 2020.		
2	FOI 20-018	28.05.20	Others - public	Request seeking an excel document of the Spring semester 2019 results in individual modules including the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module Name/Number (Example: Math 123), • Module Description (Example: Linear Algebra), Grades Results (Example: 21 As, 30 Bs, 7 Cs, etc.)	Partial release: S. 15 (1)(a)	09.07.20
2	FOI 20-019	29.05.20	Others - public	Request relates to the number of live animals procured by TU Dublin during 2018 and 2019 for the purpose of testing or research; the number by species; which Departments used them and details of the companies or individuals they were procured from. Also requested was the total amount spent by the university for the disposal of animal carcasses during 2018 and 2019 and details of the companies or individuals to whom monies for these services were paid.	Granted in full	23.06.20
2	FOI 20-020	05.06.20	Others – public	Request relates to any cost/payments between TU Dublin and Aramark and further requested documentation relating to the tender process for contracts for catering/canteen/cafe facilities on TU Campuses since January 2015 to June 2020.	Partial release: S. 15 (1)(a) S. 15 (1)(d) S. 36 (1)(b)	13.08.20
2	FOI 20-021	25.06.20	Others – public	Request relates to records relating to Business or Business Studies degree courses for the academic years 2016/2017; 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of students who successfully completed their degree to Level 8 Honours, split by part time and full time. • Level 8 Honours results banding, split by full time and part time students. • Total number of weekly average lecture contact hours for full time and part time students (Final Year). • Total number of weekly average tutorial/seminar contact hours for full time and part time Students (Final Year). • If part time students do not complete their Honours degree in four years, what is the expected number of years to complete their degree? • Estates/Facilities: average classroom daytime occupancy rate. 	Partial release: S. 15 (1)(a)	09.07.20
3	FOI 20-022	03.07.20	Journalist	Request relates to purchase orders in excess of €20,000 for the period 2019 and for the first quarter of 2020.	Granted	22.07.20

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3	FOI 20-023	16.07.20	Journalist	Request relates to obtaining financial information relating to travel and subsistence expenses paid to elected Councilors who were members of the Governing Body of the three legacy Institutes of Technology (IT Blanchardstown, DIT & IT Tallaght) for the period 2015 to 2019, specifically the amount of expenses incurred, with a year-by-year breakdown of the figure, as well as an itemized breakdown of each cost incurred if available including:- a. Date of meeting/event, for which expenses were claimed b. Mileage paid c. Subsistence paid	Granted for 2015-2018 for legacy Institutes of Technology. Partially Granted - Section 15 (1) (a) For 2019 as records do not exist as no Councilors sit on the TU Dublin Governing Body which commenced 01.01.19	20.08.20
3	FOI 20-024	04.08.20	Public	Request relates to obtaining correspondence relating to meetings held between the President of TU Dublin and member of Dundalk IT Technological University steering meeting.	Partially Granted – Section 15 (1) (a)	02.09.20
3	FOI 20-025	18.08.20	Journalist	Request relates to minutes of meetings of TU Dublin's Governing Body held from January 2020 to August 2020.	Partially Granted – Section 36(1)(B) & Section 36(1)(C) & Section 36(3)	09.09.20
3	FOI 20-027	07.09.20	Staff	Request relates to PWT Assistant Lecturer new hires and incremental credit for legacy DIT.	Granted	26.03.21
3	FOI 20-028	29.09.20	Journalist	1. Request relates to the breakdown of the annual student contribution fee for years 2015-2018. Correspondence sought relating to discussion of changing the student contribution fee from January 2020-September 2020.	1. Granted in full 2. Partial Release – Section 15 (1) (a) no records exist - fee is set by DOES.	23.10.20
4	FOI 20-029	15.10.20	Journalist	Details of all monies paid to Aramark catering Ltd by TU Dublin or DIT for catering services for the period January 2018 to January 2019. summarising what each payment was for.	Granted in full	13.11.20

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FOI 20-030	03.11.20	Journalist	Details of expenditure on legal advice, investigation and settlement of any cases of sexual harassment at the university from 2015-2020. This should include a breakdown for each year in question, and a breakdown per each of the three categories above (i.e. investigations, settlements and legal advice).	Refused under Section 15 (1)(a) records do not exist	25.11.20
FOI 20-032	30.11.20	Journalist	Figures requested in relation to Susi grant recipients and privately funded students for the year 2019.	Granted in full	11.01.21
FOI 20-034	16.12.20	Journalist	Details of all expenses claimed by the President of the University /Institute's between January 1, 2017 and December 2020. Included an itemised breakdown of any vouched and unvouched expenses and records of spending by the president on any University/Institute's credit cards.	Granted in full	14.01.21

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. **Other/Public**

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.