

#### Freedom of Information Disclosure Log – Summary 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.

For calendar year 2021, a total number of 50 FOI requests were received, 43 non-personal requests, 7 personal requests.

Quarter	Ref	Date Request Received	Requester Category	Description of Request	Decision	Date of Response
1	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
1	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
1	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
1	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.	Partial Release  Section 15 (1) (a) Records do not exist. Direct exam cost only	16.03.21



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1	FOI 21-005	18.01.21	Journalist	Cost per repeat exam in 2017/18, 2018/19 & 2019/20 (overall cost divided by exams papers completed).  Request relates to student disciplinary issues for 2018/19 & 2019/20 academic years:  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	provided as insufficient data exists to create record sought  Partial Release  Section 15 (1) (a) Some records	16.02.21
				<ul> <li>regarding any complaints made regarding any college or faculty societies,</li> <li>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,</li> <li>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,</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	do not exist & Section 37 Personal Information.	
1	FOI 21-006	20.01.21	Journalist	Request relates to student applications from Northern Ireland from 2017-2020: -  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.  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
1	FOI 21-007	08.02.21	Student	Request relates to gender breakdowns of staff in Tallaght Campus from 2019-2021: -  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.  A breakdown of gender for paygrades.	Granted	05.03.21
1	FOI 21-008	08.02.21	Journalist	Request relates to travel expenses for staff of TU Dublin for 2019 & 2020.	Granted	05.03.21



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1	FOI 21-009	23.02.21	Journalist	A list of travel expenses for the years 2020 and 2019     A breakdown of these expenses where possible (1) total amount per year; (2) The amount spent on flights (or other transport, taxis, trains etc), accommodation, and any other related expenses, such as food on college related business.  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	05.03.21
					accept cash payments	
1	FOI 21-010	25.02.21	Staff	Personal Request	Granted	16.03.21
1	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
1	FOI 21-012	05.03.21	Journalist	<ol> <li>Request relates to Chaplaincy Services at TU Dublin including: -</li> <li>The amount spent on employing chaplains in 2019 and 2020, broken down per employee and year,</li> <li>The student and staff attendance rate at weekly religious services/masses during 2019/2020,</li> <li>Correspondence between the university and Atheist Ireland between September 2020 to March 2021,</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	Partial Grant Section 15 (1) (a) Some records do not exist.	07.04.21
1	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	06.04.21



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2	FOI 21-014	12.04.21	Journalist	Request relates to the amount spent by TU Dublin on Non-Disclosure Agreements including the number of NDAs used by the University and reasons for using NDAs from 01.01.20 – 31.12.20 and 01.01.21 - 12.04.21.	Granted	10.05.21
2	FOI 21-016	27.04.21	Journalist	Request relates to comparative figures for information relating to student deferrals; withdrawals; repeat exam/assessment from 2016/17 – 2020/21 (end March 2021)	Part-Granted Section 15 (1) (a) On the basis that some records do not exist	30.06.21
2	FOI 21-018	06.05.21	others (public)	Request relates to the advertisement; job description/specification and applications received by TU Dublin for PWT positions of Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Marketing from May 2019 – May 2021.	Granted	03.06.21
2	FOI 21-019	28.05.21	Journalist	Request relates to guidance / instructions issued to staff and students in relation to travel restrictions to Hong Kong and China for period 1 January 2020 to 28 June 2021.	Refused Section (15) (1)(a) On the basis that the records do not exist	25.06.21
2	FOI 21-020	28.06.21	others (public)	Request relates to documentation sought in relation to International Educational/Recruitment Fairs organized by a state entity "Education in Ireland" / Enterprise Ireland / Minister for Education and Skill from 2010 – 2020.	Part-Granted Section 15 (1)(a) On the basis that some records do not exist	30.06.21
2	FOI 21-021	10.06.21	others (public)	Request relates to statistics for asylum seekers who studied in TU Dublin from 2016-2021.	Refused Section (15)(1)(a) On the basis that these	23.06.21



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					records do not exist	
2	FOI 21-022	21.06.21	Journalist	Request relates to monies paid to students by the University who were victims of data leaks at the university from 2017 to June 2021.	Refused Section (15)(1)(a) On the basis that these records do not exist	06.07.21
2	FOI 21-023	23.06.21	Journalist	Request relates to the expenditure on mental health services for the academic year 2020/21 together with records relating to the percentage of the student population seeking counselling services and the average waiting times also for the academic year 2020/21.	Granted	16.07.21
2	FOI 21-024	24.06.21 original request; 13.07.21 amended request	Journalist	Request relates to communications between staff members of the university relating to the university's links to, work with, and/or stance on Israel from 2019 to 2021; Agendas / minutes of Governing Body meetings that reference Israel or Palestine from 2019-2021; Complaints received by the university relating to university's links to, work with, and/or stance on Israel from 2019-2021.	Refused Section 15 (1)(a) On the basis some records do not exist	03.08.21
2	FOI 21-026	29.06.21 original request; 06.07.21 amended request	Others (public)	Request relates to the university's plans to provide gender neutral toilet facilities with regard to the government's LGBTQI strategy to promote the visibility of LBGTQI community.	Part-granted Section 15 (1)(a) On the basis some records do not exist	05.08.21
3	FOI 21-028	23.07.21 Clarified 28.07.21	Journalist	Request relates to calendar of meetings of the President with external parties of the University scheduled from 25 April to 25 June 2021.	Granted	18.08.21
3	FOI 21-029	06.08.21	Journalist	Request relates to expenditure incurred for holding the graduations for 2021, 2020 & 2019.	Granted	03.09.21
3	FOI 21-030	09.08.21	Journalist	Request relates to the number of incidents of sexual harassment or abuse that were reported by students and/or staff at TUD per year from 2018 to August 2021.	Refused Section 15.1.1 no records exist	06.09.21



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3	FOI 21-032	23.08.21	Journalist	Request relates to correspondence between the University President and the Taoiseach Michael Martin or the Minister for Further and Higher Education Harris between January 2021 to August 2021.	Granted	20.09.21
3	FOI 21-033	24.08.21	Journalist	Request relates to declarations of conflicts of interest made by senior lecturer from January 2014 to August 2021.	refused S 15(1)(a) no records exist	01.09.21
3	FOI 21-034	30.08.21	Others (Public)	Request relates to the number of offers made for course TU 982 Media Production and Digital Arts in round zero of CAO in 2021 and the required entry standards for offers in this round.	withdrawn & handled outside of FOI	01.09.21
3	FOI 21-035	09.08.21	Journalist	Request relates to TU Dublin's equity investments as of December 31 2020, including the amount invested and what it was invested in for 2018/2019 & 2019/20.	Refused Section 15(1)(a) records do not exist	07.10.21
3	FOI 21-036	17.09.21	Journalist	Request relates to income generated by the University through tourism/conferences/accommodation/sports facilities from 2017-2021.	Granted	15.10.21
4	FOI 21-038	01.10.21	Journalist	Request relates to a standard External Examiner contract and/or agreement of the University.	Granted	12.10.21
4	FOI 21-039	21.10.21	Business/Interest Groups	Request relates to the current whole-time equivalent numbers and the actual headcount numbers on every point of every scale for every grade that the TUI represents in TU Dublin.	Granted	19.11.21
4	FOI 21-040	21.10.21	Journalist	Request relates to statistics on the number of reports/complaints of sexual assault or harassment that have been reported by students and/or staff at TU Dublin per year from 2020 to October 2021. To include for the same period; the number of students and staff suspended/dismissed following an allegation; the number of students/staff requested to sign confidentiality agreements following a proven allegation, the amount of money spent on settling cases and the amount spent on legal fees.	Part-granted S 15 (1)(a) some records do not exist	19.11.21
4	FOI 21-041	28.10.21	others (public)	Request relates to the structure/titles of the roles of the Communications team within TU Dublin. To include the number and gender of Press Officers/ Communications Officers/	Granted	25.11.21



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				Media Relations Officers - who deal primarily with media queries, interview requests and issuing press releases; the number and gender of social media coordinators/ officers/ digital coordinators - who are primarily responsible for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram content etc; the number and gender of Communications/ Social media Team managers; recent job description for each role within the Communications/ Press/ Social media team; the salary scales for each of these roles in line with current Government pay policy.		
4	FOI 21-042	29.10.21	Journalist	Request relates to statistics on the number of complaints of alleged bullying and/or harassment received by the University since the start of 2020. To include the number that occurred via online means and how many of these occurred after start of the pandemic (mid-March 2020). To include nature of the allegation, nature of complainant and alleged perpetrator and outcome. Requested details as to complaints of and investigations into alleged cheating in exams/assessment and any outcomes to same for the same time period noting those that occurred since beginning of pandemic (mid-March 2020).	Granted	16.12.21
4	FOI 21-043	05.11.21	client	Request relates to risk assessment carried out on mandating face coverings.	Granted	30.11.21
4	FOI 21-044	11.11.21	staff	Request relates to expenditure in respect of Occupational Healthcare Service providers for staff of TU Dublin from 2014 to November 2021.	Granted	09.12.21
4	FOI 21-045	11.11.21	client	Request relates to expenditure on student mental health services since the move to TU Dublin Grangegorman Campus for 2020-2021.	Granted	01.12.21
4	FOI 21-046	11.11.21	Staff	Request relates to expenditure for the University per calendar year from 2014 to 2021 (year to date) in respect of Employee Relations Consultants.	Granted	01.12.21
4	FOI 21-047	12.11.21	Oireachtas	Request relates to correspondence (reply) issued by the University to the HEA as referenced by Dr Alan Wall in letter to Public Accounts Committee Ref: S0355 PAC33.	Granted	01.12.21



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4	FOI 21-048	19.11.21	Journalist	Request relates to statistics of students enrolled in overseas operations (physical branches of the University) broken down by each country and institution for all available years.	Withdrawn No records exist	25.11.21
4	FOI 21-049	10.12.21	Staff	Request relates to statistics for staff of the University by campus for calendar years 2018 to 2021 (year to date) in respect of requests for and successful awards of Critical Illness Provision; Temporary Rehabilitation Remuneration; Retirement on grounds of Ill Health.	With drawn	05.01.22
4	FOI 21-050	10.12.21	Staff	Request relates to expenditure of the University in respect of employment advice provided by ByrneWallace LLP from 2018 to 2021 (year to date).	Withdrawn	05.01.22

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 <u>non-personal</u> 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.