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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of information request – English language requirements

Further to your recent request for information held by King's College London, I am writing to confirm that the requested information is held by the university and a copy is enclosed with this letter.

Your request

We received your information request on 03/03/2015 and have treated it as a request for information made under Section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

1. Please indicate which English language test is used by the university as part of the admission requirements for

- a) undergraduates on honours degree courses*
- b) postgraduates*

2. If the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is used, please indicate the minimum band score that is required for

- a) honours degree admissions*
- b) postgraduate admissions*

3. If some courses require different minimum IELTS scores, please give details.

4. Does the university provide pre-sessional English language courses? How many students participated in the courses in 2013/14? How long are the pre-sessional courses and how much do they cost? Please give responses for undergraduate and postgraduate pre-sessional course.

5. Does the university accepted undergraduate students with scores lower than the minimum entry requirement standard on the proviso that they attend the pre-

sessional course? If so, please give details of the number of students accepted in 2013/14 on this basis. What was the lowest entry score that was accepted on this basis in 2013/14?

6. Does the university accept postgraduate students with scores lower than the minimum entry requirement standard if they agree to attend the pre-sessional course? If so, please give details of the number of students accepted in 2013/14 on this basis. What was the lowest entry score that was accepted on this basis in 2013/14?

7. Have the university's minimum English language standards changed in the last five years? If they have, please give details.

8. What proportion of the undergraduate honours degree intake in 2013/14 were international students?

9. What proportion of the postgraduate intake in 2013/14 were international students?

10. Please provide an estimate of the annual cost of providing English language support to international students once they have enrolled on their honours degree/post-graduate courses.

Our response

English language requirements

Information regarding the English language tests used by the university as part of the admissions processes and the minimum requirements is published on our website at the following URLs:

Pre-sessional courses

Information relating to the availability of pre-sessional English language courses is available on our website at the following URL:

For the academic year 2013/14 approximately 300 students enrolled on Pre-sessional English language courses at King's College London.

Minimum entry requirements

King's College London does not make differential offers to undergraduate or postgraduate applicants on the basis of their attendance on a pre-sessional English Language course. Applicants who receive offers conditional upon meeting English language requirements may demonstrate that these requirements have been met by successfully passing an accepted English language test or by achieving the required level in a pre-sessional English language programme offered by the university.

Changes to English language requirements

English language proficiency requirements vary by programme to reflect the level of skill required for different academic levels and/or disciplines. Updates to the approved tests and minimum requirements for 2015/16 will be added to the university's website in the coming months.

Proportion of international students

We have defined 'international students' as those students with a fee status of 'overseas'.

For the academic year 2013/14 approximately 14% of the undergraduate student intake, and approximately 37% of the postgraduate student intake, were international students.

This completes the university's response to your information request.

Your right to complain

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your information request or feel that it has not been properly handled you have the right to complain or request a review of our decision by contacting the Legal Compliance Manager within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Further information about our internal complaints procedure is available at the link below:

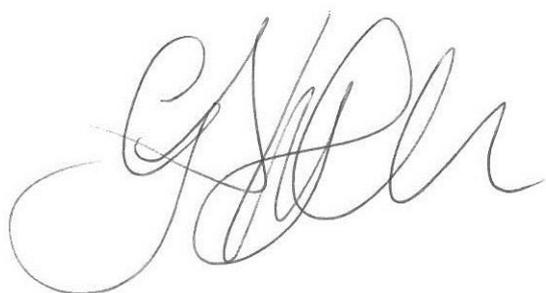
http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance_and_legal/Freedom_of_Information_Policy_updated_Oct_%202011.pdf

In the event that you are not content with the outcome of your complaint you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal complaints procedure provided by King's College London.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. J. P.', written in a cursive style.

Gail Laughlan
Legal Compliance Officer