

TU Dublin

FOI Disclosure Log 2019

Non-Personal Requests

Disclosures are listed in order of receipt date. Please note that, for privacy reasons, identifying information such as the name of the requester is not included in the Disclosure Log. FOI requests for personal information are not listed. In 2019, a total number of 50 FOI requests were received, 42 non-personal requests and 8 personal requests.

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 19-001	10/01/2019	Journalist	Request relates to records from 01/01/18 - 01/01/19 which show how much money was spent on pizza, by college clubs and societies, using the societies/clubs finances. This may include but is not limited to documents, memos, emails, letters and any other forms of communication or records.	Partially Granted - Records do not exist S 15 (1)(a)	08/02/2019
FOI 19-002	21/01/2019	Journalist	Request relates to records concerning members of the Governing Body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of all members of the Governing Body and the name of the body which nominated them to the board; • All payments (individual details of the salaries, expenses and allowances paid to each named individual member) to include salaries, expenses, mileage, subsistence and allowances paid to members of the board for the following time periods: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. • A list of all conferences approved for attendance by members of the Governing Body between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018; • A list of members of the Governing Body who attended these conferences; • A list of all international travel authorized for members between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018; • A list of members who travelled on these board trips; • A list of external bodies on which the Governing Body was formally represented by members between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018; • A list of members who represented the colleges on each of these external bodies between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. 	Granted	14/02/2019

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FOI 19-003	22/01/2019	Journalist	Request relates to the drop-out / continuation / completion rates for the University. Information was requested to be broken down (where possible) by course, degree type (bachelors, masters etc.), stage, gender and age relating to the academic years (2015/2016, 2016/17 and 2017/18). Data was sought in relation to students who withdrew before October 31st and those who had not progressed due to exams.	Granted	13/03/2019
FOI 19-004	22/01/2019	Journalist	Request relates to all personal expenses (travel, subsistence, accommodation, etc.) claimed in 2017 and 2018 by the Presidents of the three legacy Institutes of Technology (IT Blanchardstown, DIT & IT Tallaght).	Granted	22/02/2019
FOI 19-005	24/01/2019	Journalist	Request relates to information on travel and subsistence expenses claimed by the Presidents of the three legacy Institutes of Technology (IT Blanchardstown, DIT & IT Tallaght) for the period 2013/14 academic year to January 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.	Granted	22/02/2019
FOI 19-007	31/01/2019	Journalist	Request relates to counselling services provided by the three legacy Institutes of Technology (IT Blanchardstown, DIT & IT Tallaght) for the period 01/01/08 to 31/12/08 including average waiting time for appointments; the total amount of money spent and the number of students and staff who accessed these services for each of the specified years including documents, memos, emails, letters and any other forms of communication or records.	Granted	20/02/2019
FOI 19-008	31/01/2019	Journalist	Request relates to any records held relating to the decision to deny access to St Brendan's GAA club to the pitches/facilities at Grangegorman on 17 February 2019, and also any records held which discuss or refer to the use (or future use) of the pitches and other facilities at Grangegorman by St Brendan's GAA club to cover the period 1 January 2018 to the date of receipt of FOI request.	Withdrawn	20/03/2019
FOI 19-010	22/03/2019	Other	Request relates to information regarding the number of employees and number under the age of 35 for the legacy Dublin Institute of Technology.	Granted	10/04/2019
FOI 19-013	24/04/2019	Other	Request relates to all expenditure, sponsorship & funding for Ireland Skills Live 2019 for the legacy Dublin Institute of Technology.	Granted	22/05/2019

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FOI 19-014	24/04/2019	Journalist	Request relates to the number of reports made to TU Dublin and the Student Union about incidents of sexual assault on campus, between March 2018 - March 2019 along with the number of reports made to TU Dublin and the Student Union regarding illegal drug possession on campus between March 2018 - March 2019.	Partially Granted under S.15 1 (a)	23/05/2019
FOI 19-015	29/04/2019	Journalist	Request relates to information related to the conferring of any honorary doctorates or honorary degrees for the last five academic years. Information was requested for the total numbers of honorary doctorates (all subjects/disciplines) awarded by the colleges in the years 2013-14 to 2017-18 and the current year, as well as associated costs (such as travel for those receiving doctorates), and full details about the costs of any conferring ceremonies for honorary doctorates held during the same period. Records sought to be provided with a breakdown of details for each year.	Granted	23/05/2019
FOI 19-016	03/05/2019	Other	Request relates to obtaining the details of the procurement process under which Euro Sales Limited has been excluded from supplying the legacy Dublin Institute of Technology with electrical materials.	Granted	27/05/2019
FOI 19-017	08/05/2019	Journalist	Request relates to obtaining records relating to the number of students who availed of counselling services during the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 broken down by academic year including the costs for running the counselling service and numbers of counselling staff providing the service for these years.	Partially Granted S. 15(1)(a) Records no longer available as per Records Retention Schedule	05/06/2019
FOI 19-018	10/05/2019	Other	Request relates to obtaining the amount of money owed in library fines since January 1 2016 to May 2019 including the amount of money that was received in library fines since 2016.	Granted	05/06/2019
FOI 19-019	14/05/2019	Journalist	Request relates to obtaining the all minutes of the legacy Dublin Institute of Technology Governing Authority meetings during 2018.	Partially Granted S.36(1)(b) S 36(1)(c) S. 37(1)	11/06/2019

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FOI 19-020	14/05/2019	Other	<p>Request relates to obtaining records relating to the offers admissions data from 2013 – 2018 related to students who have disclosed offences as part of applying and studying for undergraduate and postgraduate courses including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of prospective learners who have disclosed a conviction - to include undergraduate and postgraduate applications; • of those students who disclosed a conviction, how many had spent time in prison or were placed on Probation; • what percentage of these prospective learners were from a BAME or working class background; • the number of students with disclosed convictions who were accepted and what courses were they enrolled on; • how many students with disclosed convictions, who were made an unconditional or conditional offer, accepted their place; • what percentage of students with disclosed convictions, graduated year on year; • the provisions put in place (either financial or pastoral) to assist students who have convictions; • if students with convictions included as part of your widening participation strategy. 	Refused under S.15 1 (a)	11/06/2019
FOI 19-021	27/05/2019	Journalist	Request relates to the number of suspensions and expulsions made in the period from September 2017 to May 2019 and the cause for the suspension/expulsion.	Refused under S. 37	26/05/2019
FOI 19-022	04/06/2019	Journalist	Request relates to any information regarding the number of sexual assault or sexual harassment cases reported by students from October 2018 – June 2019 including the names of the division of the University that received the reports and how they were dealt with be provided.	Granted	01/07/2019
FOI 19-024	19/06/2019	Journalist	Request relates to records identifying all artworks (including details of same) held by the University valued at €10,000 or more and/or deemed of national significance, which are not on public display.	Granted	16/07/2019
FOI 19-025	19/06/2019	Journalist	Request relates to records showing all non-economy and non-budget class flights taken by staff during 2018, identifying cost of fare, class of flight (e.g., first class, business class, etc.) destinations of same, and purpose of flights.	Granted	16/07/2019
FOI 19-026	27/06/2019	Journalist	Request relates to all valuation reports in relation to the former Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) building on Cathal Brugha St that was sold to the Department of Education in November 2018.	Refused under	24/07/2019

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				S. 36 1 (b) S.36 1 (c)	
FOI 19-028	02/07/2019	Journalist	Request relates to the number of allegations of sexual assault have been brought forward by students and staff from 2015 to June 2019 including the number of internal disciplinary processes that have taken place between December 2015 to June 2019 for those individuals who have been accused of sexual assault/misconduct – For TU Dublin/DIT Student Residences how many written complaints of sexual harassment were submitted during each academic year 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 and 2018/19.	Granted	30/07/2019
FOI 19-029	04/07/2019	Journalist	Request relates to obtaining financial records relating to Chaplaincy spending during calendar year 2018 on salaries, contracts for chaplaincy services; external funding provided by the Catholic Church or other religious organizations, where not already stated in the financial records any records indicating the denominational affiliation of those providing chaplaincy services.	Refused under S. 36 1 (C)	01/08/2019
FOI 19-030	11/07/2019	Journalist	Request relates to records for the period 1 January 2016 to July 2019 relating to the purchase of live animals for scientific testing including the amount spent; what animals were purchased and where they were bought from.	Granted	09/08/2019
FOI 19-031	11/07/2019	Other	Request relates to obtaining a copy of the current version and earlier versions on file of the University's 'Record of Processing Activities' required under Article 30 GDPR.	Granted	30/08/2019
FOI 19-032	23/07/2019	Staff	Request relates to obtaining records from the legacy DIT relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the number of career breaks granted to staff since 2010 broken down by category/grade of staff; The number of career break extensions granted since 2010 broken down by category/grade of staff; the number of career breaks refused to DIT staff since 2010 broken down by category/grade of staff; the number of career break extensions refused) since 2010 broken down by category/grade of staff. 	Partially Granted S. 37	20/08/2019
FOI 19-033	29/07/2019	Journalist	Request relates to obtaining records relating to the number of reports/complaints of sexual assault or harassment that were received from students between 2013 and 2018 indicating how many students were suspended/expelled as a result of these complaints.	Granted	27/08/2019

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FOI 19-034	30/07/2019	Other	Request relates to obtaining records relating to the minutes and agenda of a meeting between the Head of the School of Hospitality Management and Tourism, TU Dublin City Campus; the Assistant Head of School, TU Dublin City Campus and the President of TU Dublin and the Ethiopian minister for Tourism and Culture, held on 13 June 2019 in Grangegorman.	Refused under S. 15 1 (a)	27/08/2019
FOI 19-035	06/08/2019	Journalist	Request relates to obtaining records relating to the number of assaults that were reported for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 including a breakdown by whether the assaults were student-on-student, student-on-staff-member or staff-member-on-student including information on the disciplinary action, if any, that resulted from these attacks. Also requested were records relating to the number of sexual assaults that were reported in the following years - 2017, 2018 and 2019 - along with information on the outcome of the report, any disciplinary action and whether they were reported to the Gardaí. Also requested were records relating to the number of reports of racial abuse in in each of the following years - 2017, 2018 and 2019 - along with a breakdown by the alleged victim (i.e., student, staff member, etc.), the alleged offender (i.e. student, staff member) and the outcome of the complaints and any disciplinary action. Also requested was information relating to the total number of students or staff members who were disciplined for any reason in each of the following years - 2017, 2018 and 2019 - along with information on the disciplinary sanction and their offence.	Granted	02/09/2019
FOI 19-036	13/08/2019	Other	Request relates to the tender Ted reference: 2019/S 145-358031: for TU Dublin. Tender notice link: https://ted.europa.eu/udl/?uri=TED:NOTICE:358031-2019:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0 Specifically requesting information listed below: - submissions - information about the winner - final contract - Invoice/document that includes detailed information on project costs	Refused under S.15.(1) (d) and S.36(1)(a-c)	03/09/2019
FOI 19-037	28/08/2019 - Updated 29/08/2019	Journalist	Request relates to the annual numbers in relation to the uptake of student counselling in the University for the period of 2016-2018.	Partially Granted under S. 15 1 (a)	26/09/2019

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FOI 19-038	02/09/2019	Journalist	Request relates to obtaining records relating to the total amount of money paid to the University by students to re-sit an exam since the start of the academic year 2014/2015 to start of the academic year 2019/2020. Also requested was the total amount of money paid by students to re-sit a class module since the start of the academic year 2014/2015 to the start of the academic year 2019/2020.	Partially Granted under S.15 1 (a)	27/09/2019
FOI 19-039	05/09/2019	Other	Request relates to obtaining records relating to the proposed sale of a legacy Institute of Technology Dublin (DIT), property at Kevin Street. The records requested were the minutes of all Board meetings in relation to the sale, minutes evidencing whether the Board and team commissioned to manage the sale process had disclosed in writing any conflicts of interest that may exist arising from past or present professional relationships between Board members and other bidders, the register of members' interests in relation to the sale process of Kevin Street, and all and any other evidence of compliance in connection with sale of the Technological University (formerly DIT) Kevin Street.	Partially Granted under S. 36(1) (b) and 32(1)(a)(iv)	30/10/2019
FOI 19-040	16/09/2019	Journalist	Request relates to all records/reports from the finance system covering details on international flights and associated costs on travel for staff between September 2017 and September 2019.	Granted	18/10/2019
FOI 19-041	17/09/2019	Journalist	Request relates to the budget for the TU Dublin rebrand over the last five years, or for as long as that budget has existed.	Granted	07/10/2019
FOI 19-043	23/09/2019	Journalist	Request relates to students accessing mental health services, including the number of students who accessed counselling services in 2015/16/17/18 and up to September 2019; the average wait time (in days) for an appointment for each year; including details on the 5 longest wait times (in days) for each year. Also requested records relating to the number of students who accessed psychotherapy services in 2015/16/17/18 and up to September 2019 including the average wait time (in days) for an appointment for each year and including details on the 5 longest wait times (in days) for each year.	Partially Granted under S.15 1 (a)	18/10/2019
FOI 19-044	08/10/2019	Journalist	Request relates to a breakdown of the expenditure for the TU Dublin rebrand over the life of the rebranding project.	Granted	25/10/2019

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FOI 19-045	21/10/2019	Student	Request relates to obtaining records relating to expenditure on counselling services for students from September 2017 to October 2019 including the number of counsellors allocated to the counselling service.	Granted	19/11/2019
FOI 19-046	18/11/2019	Student	Request relates to obtaining records in relation to the number of applications made by members of the TU Dublin student body for appointments with Student Counselling within the calendar year 2019 to date including:- the number of appointments taken as a result of such applications by students; the amount of yearly funding the Student Counselling service is allocated; the number of staff employed within the branch of Student Counselling (across all TU Dublin sites).	Partially Granted under S.15 1 (a)	16/12/2019
FOI 19-047	19/11/2019	Journalist	Request relates to obtaining documents, including emails, briefings and memos, created November 16 - November 19, 2019 which outline ethical concerns or concerns about reputational damage to the University as a result of continued collaboration, including but not limited to student exchanges, with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and other Hong Kong universities.	Partially Granted under S.15 1 (a)	16/12/2019
FOI 19-048	02/12/2019	Other	Request relates to obtaining records in relation to student library fines including the amount of money received annually in student library fines for the period covering academic years 2015-16 to 31 August 2019 including details of the department or projects the costs are allocated to.	Partially Granted under S.15 1 (a)	18/12/2019
FOI 19-049	18/12/2019	Journalist	Request relates to the total cost of hosting the University's Christmas exams, for 2018 broken down to include information relating to: Venue hire cost; Staff costs (marshals, invigilators, parking and cost of materials (exam booklets etc.).	Granted	30/01/2020

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

1. **Journalists,**
2. **Business/Interest Groups,**
3. **Oireachtas/Public Representatives,**
4. **Staff,**
5. **Clients,**
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 Patient to a Health Authority, Request from a Student to a body in the education sector etc.