

4th June 2019



Freedom of Information request: 2019/0116

Thank you for your freedom of information request received on the 13th of May 2019 in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I am trying to request a better stipend for PhD students funded by UKRI, especially the one who live in London please.

It will be helpful to me if I could know the current (i.e. Students who are not graduated yet) total number of PhD students funded by UKRI please. As well as it will be helpful if I could request the number of them who are in London please.

Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation hold information relevant to your request.

There are approximately 22,200 PhD students that are funded by UKRI, of which approximately 4,300 are registered with London-based Higher Education Institutes.

Please note that these figures may contain some masters students as we are unable to separate out students undertaking an integrated masters and PhD training programme from other masters students. To do so would require significant resource as this task would need to be conducted manually, which we believe in our reasonable estimation would exceed the cost limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek a review of the decision, please contact:

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Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Enquiry/Information Line: Between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

Further information about the Office of the Information Commissioner can be found at <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

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Yours sincerely,

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