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11 November 2022

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00355

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 31 October in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I have three questions based on the attached response to my Freedom of Information I have received.

(1) Can you please tell me if the 30% figure is new for International Students or remains the same as for previous years. Also

(2) will this 30% percentage be applied for the upcoming cohort and if there has been any policy to alter this this figure for future cohorts please.

And lastly (3) will this 30% still apply to AHRC and TECHN combined Masters and PhD Scholarships?

In my FOI (answer attached) it states 'Each DTP can use AHRC funds to fund a maximum of 30% of its awards to students classified as International.'

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

(1) Can you please tell me if the 30% figure is new for International Students or remains the same as for previous years.

The 30% limit was brought in for the recruitment to the October 2021 rounds. This was when UKRI changed its policy on international eligibility.

(2) Will this 30% percentage be applied for the upcoming cohort and if there has been any policy to alter this figure for future cohorts please.

The 30% figure is a cap and there are no current plans to make a change to the cap.

(3) Will this 30% still apply to AHRC and TECHN combined Masters and PhD Scholarships?

The 30% cap applies to TECHN AHRC funded PhD awards. As outlined in the previous response (FOI2022/00315) AHRC funding cannot be used to support Masters courses. The 30% cap applies to numbers of awards and not number of applications.

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

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal 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: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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