SUMMARY	
APPLICANT	Ms Millie Sullivan
REF NUMBER	FOI-24-24
SCOPE	Arms companies in partnership with the University
DECISION MAKER	Sophie Cole
DECISION DATE	4 March 2024

Decision

I, Sophie Cole Information Rights Manager, dealt with your request for information received by the University of Wolverhampton (University) in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* (FOIA).

I can confirm the requested information is not held by the University of Wolverhampton in full as the information pertaining to the scope of your request does not exist.

Please refer to the subsequent pages of this Decision Notice for further clarification on my decision.

Sophie Cole
Information Rights Manager
4 March 2024

Background & Scope of Application

On 8 February 2024, the University of Wolverhampton received Ms Millie Sullivan's FOI application, requesting the following:

- In the below request the phrase the phrase 'arms trade companies' relates to, but not limited to:

    1. BAE systems
    2. Babcock
    3. QinetiQ
    4. Rolls-Royce
    5. Serco
    6. Cobham
    7. Raytheon
    8. Airbus
    9. General Dynamics
    10. Leonardo MW
    11. Lockheed Martin
    12. Thales
    13. MBDA
    14. Elbit Systems
    15. Caterpillar
    16. MoD
    17. DSTL
    18. Atomic Weapons establishment
    19. GKN
    20. Boeing

- 'Academic partnership' refers to 'arms trade companies' involvement of any of the following:
    - Graduate schemes/apprenticeships/Careers fair appearances
    - Directly sponsored PhDs or Studentships
    - Company involvement in university departments - i.e. MoD Laboratories, EPSRC centres for doctoral research.
    - Any consultancy role.

- Please may I request any relevant information or appearance of arms trade companies in the aforementioned capacities in the past five years:
    - May this be broken down by financial year, with the start/end date where applicable
    - The name of the arms company involved
    - The financial value of the relationship
    - The name of the relevant university department

Search for Documents

Based on the original scope of this request, I conducted a search of the University of Wolverhampton's records to determine whether the requested information can be provided to Ms Millie Sullivan in response to the original application, dated 6 February 2024.

The following searches were undertaken:

Group/Individual	Search conducted
Finance Directorate	Application scope
Offices of the Vice-Chancellor	Application scope
Research Policy Unit	Application scope

Decision

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the FOIA, I can confirm the requested information is not held by the University of Wolverhampton in full as the information pertaining to the scope of your request does not exist.

The University holds no records of relationships or partnerships with the companies named in your request. Therefore, no data exists. This decision has been made after all reasonable steps have been taken to locate the requested information. Whilst I acknowledge that it is the principle object of the FOIA to provide public access to documents, I am satisfied that the requested information does not exist.

Right of Review

If you are dissatisfied with our response, please contact us with the details of your dispute via email at FOI@wlv.ac.uk and we will conduct an internal review of our response.

If you are still dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address: https://ico.org.uk/