27 February 2024

Freedom of Information Request: 032/2024 Research collaborations – arms companies

Dear Millie

With reference to your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, dated 21 February 2024, I can confirm the University holds the information requested.

Your request was, in general terms, for the following information, which is set out in full detail below: Research collaborations – arms companies

Your request and our response:

In the below request, 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

In the below request, the phrase ‘research project' related to, but not limited to:

Any academic research collaborations that involve any staff members or any member of the active student body with companies or institutions who have stakes in the defence industry and arms trade companies.

Could you please provide me with all research projects with any connection to arms trade companies in the last five years. Connections can include sources of funding and/or collaborative research partnership on the research project.

Please can these be broken down by financial year, and categorise them accordingly:

- Title and aim of research project **None**
- Players (list of companies involved in the research project) **None**
- Name of university department(s) involved (if applicable) **None**
- Source of funding for the research project (to be included the source of funding does not have to be an arms trade company) **N/A**
- The total amount, in pounds sterling, that the university has received in research funding for this project in the last five financial years. Details should be broken down for this project year-by-year. **None**
- Timescale of research project - start and end (exact day/month if applicable/available, otherwise by financial years) **None**

The University of Roehampton has an investment policy and strategy (see link below), and under the heading Socially Responsible Investing, this clearly states that investment in companies which deal in arms/military services is not permitted. This strategy of social responsibility also extends to research collaborations and funding.
https://www.roehampton.ac.uk/globalassets/documents/corporate-information/policies/investment-policy-2020.pdf

If you are dissatisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach the University’s FOI complaints officer in writing, within two months of the date of our response, and explaining what you would like us to review, as follows:

By email to:
foi@roehampton.ac.uk
For the attention of: Dr George Turner, University Secretary

Or by post to:

Dr George Turner
University Secretary
Grove House, Froebel College
University of Roehampton
Roehampton Lane
LONDON SW15 5PJ

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF, or enquiries@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Any other future correspondence you may have with the University in relation to this matter should be sent to the Freedom of Information Officer at foi@roehampton.ac.uk

Yours sincerely,

Kym Ypres-Smith

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