14 March 2024

Freedom of Information Request: 040/2024 Academic partnerships – arms companies

Dear Millie

With reference to your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, dated 8 March 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: Academic partnerships – arms companies

Your request and our response:

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 **None**
- The name of the arms company involved **None**
- The financial value of the relationship **None**
- The name of the relevant university department **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
Interim Information Governance Manager
Governance & Legal Office

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