Canterbury Christ Church University

Freedom of Information: Research Projects (04224)

Thank you for your email of 21st February 2024 in which you requested information regarding any research collaborations involving staff members or students at the University and companies or institutions who have stakes in the defence industry or arms trade companies.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

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

- Players (list of companies involved in the research project)
- Name of university department(s) involved (if applicable)
- Source of funding for the research project (to be included the source of funding does not have to be an arms trade company)
- 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.
- Timescale of research project - start and end (exact day/month if applicable/available, otherwise by financial years)

Our Response

The University does not hold this information. The University has not had any research projects with a connection to companies or institutions who have stakes in the defence industry and arms trade companies within the time period requested.

We trust this addressed your enquiry.

Should you be unhappy with how we handled your request for information, you can complain to the University to reconsider the decisions made, and we will respond. You will need to provide a valid name and address for correspondence.

Complaints should be submitted within three months of this response to your request and should be addressed to: dp.officer@canterbury.ac.uk. Further details of the process to be followed can be found at: Freedom of information - Canterbury Christ Church University

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or any subsequent complaint, you have a right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner here: https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making a complaint to the ICO.

Kind regards,
Canterbury Christ Church University
4th March 2024