SUMMARY	
APPLICANT	Ms Millie Sullivan
REF NUMBER	FOI-02-24
SCOPE	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 defense industry and arms trade companies.
DECISION MAKER	Sophie Cole
DECISION DATE	5 February 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 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
5 February 2024

Background & Scope of Application

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

- 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)

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 8 January 2024.

The following searches were undertaken:

Group/Individual	**Search conducted**
Finance Directorate	Financial records showing academic research collaborations

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 as the information pertaining to the scope of your request does not exist.

The University does not hold any records pertaining to academic research collaborations that involve staff or students and companies or institutions who have stakes in the defense industry and arms trade companies. Therefore, no information 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/